

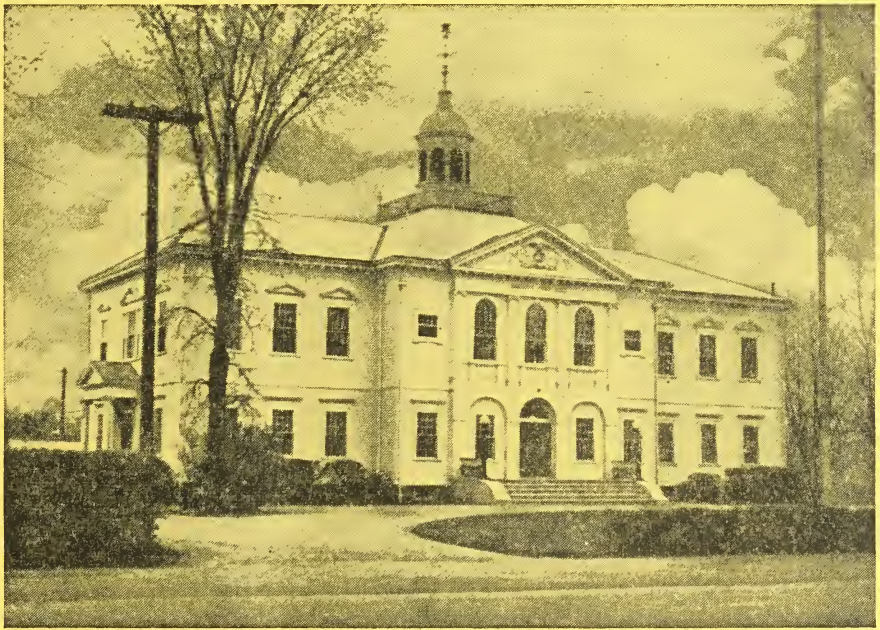
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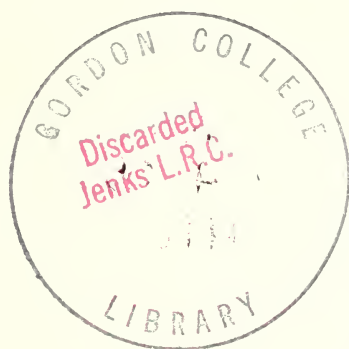
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TOWN OF HAMILTON
ESSEX COUNTY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Incorporated June 21, 1793

Area 14.99 sq. miles

Sixth Congressional District

Fifth Councillor District

Third Essex Senatorial District

Fifteenth Essex Representative District

Congressman—William H. Bates of Salem

Councillor—Arthur A. Thomson of North Andover (Resigned)

Augustus G. Means of Essex

Senator—Philip A. Graham of Hamilton

Representatives (2) { Cornelius J. Murray of Beverly
 { Herbert S. Tuckerman of Beverly

County Commissioners (3) { C. F. Nelson Pratt of Saugus
 { Arthur A. Thompson of Methuen
 { J. Fred Manning of Lynn (Deceased)
 { Theresa M. Manning of Lynn

Population

1920	1631	(Federal Census)
1925	2018	(State ")
1930	2044	(Federal ")
1935	2235	(State ")
1940	2037	(Federal ")
1945	2387	(State ")
1950	2764	(Federal ")
1955	4116	(State ")

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1955 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected and Appointed

Selectmen

LAWRENCE R. STONE, Chairman

LAWRENCE LAMSON

EVERETT F. HALEY

Board of Public Welfare

LAWRENCE LAMSON, Chairman

LAWRENCE R. STONE

EVERETT F. HALEY

Board of Health

EVERETT F. HALEY, Chairman

LAWRENCE LAMSON

LAWRENCE R. STONE

Moderator

JOHN H. PERKINS

Town Clerk—Town Accountant

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE

Treasurer

WALFRED B. SELLMAN

Tax Collector

BERTHA L. CROWELL

Assesors

ROBERT H. CHITTICK, Chairman

Term expires 1956

ELMO O. ADAMS

ARTHUR L. BENNETT

Term expires 1958

Term expires 1957

Planning Board

ARTHUR E. MORROW, Chairman

Term expires 1956

GEORGE C. CUTLER, JR.

Term expires 1960

M. KEITH LANDER

Term expires 1958

FRANCIS C. MOYNIHAN

Term expires 1957

HENRY J. GOURDEAU

Term expires 1959

Finance and Advisory Committee

FREDERIC WINTHROP, Chairman

JOHN C. GARLAND

LAWRENCE PELKEY

CLARK S. SEARS

CHARLES E. GRANT

Town Counsel

STANDISH BRADFORD

Registrars of Voters

FRANK W. BUZZELL, Chairman

Term expires 1958

JESSIE W. B. CUNNINGHAM

GEORGE MORROW

Term expires 1956

Term expires 1957

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE, Clerk-Officio

Chief of Police

EDWARD FREDERICK

Fire Engineers

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS, Chief

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

Moth Superintendent

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

Tree Warden

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

Forest Warden

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS

Building Inspector

FRANK W. BUZZELL

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

ERNEST M. BARKER

Inspector of Milk

ERNEST M. BARKER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ERVING O. MAXWELL

Dog Officer

HUGH E. MacDONALD

Sanitary Inspector
PHILIP S. PLUMMER

Civil Defense Director
JOHN H. PERKINS, Resigned
MELVIN F. REID

Dental Clinic Nurse
MISS FLORENCE STOBART

Surveyor of Highways
CHARLES F. POOLE

School Committee
MORLEY L. PIPER, Chairman
Term expires 1956

ALLAN MacCURRACH
Term expires 1958

GRACE B. LAMSON
Term expires 1957

Trustees of Public Library
JOHN F. NEARY, Chairman
Term expires 1958

SARAH H. TRUSSELL
Term expires 1956

MELVIN F. REID
Term expires 1957

Librarians
LOUISE C. BROWN
Main Library

JENNIE S. PERLEY, Resigned
CYNTHIA WIGGIN
Branch Library

Park Commissioners
PHILIP HOPKINS, Chairman
Term expires 1958

RAY M. SANFORD
Term expires 1956

ALBERT P. LOUGEE
Term expires 1957

Park Superintendent
HENRY J. STELLINE

Water Commissioners
GORDON L. THOMPSON, Chairman
Term expires 1958

GEORGE A. HARRIGAN
Term expires 1956

RICHARD H. SMITH
Term expires 1957

Superintendent of Water Works
RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE

Cemetery Commissioners

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE, Chairman
Term expires 1957

JOHN T. WALKE
Term expires 1958

LAWRENCE C. FOSTER
Term expires 1956

Superintendent of Cemetery

PHILIP S. PLUMMER

Board of Appeals, under Protective (Zoning) By-Law

GEORGE G. BECKETT, Chairman
Term expires 1957

JOHN F. NEARY
Term expires 1958

ELMER H. SMITH
Term expires 1956

F. HARLAN CLOCK, Associate Member

Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark

THEODORE E. JOHNSON
ERNEST M. BARKER

FRANK W. BUZZELL
LEON S. PERKINS

Field Drivers

CARL C. ANDERSON
WILLIAM W. BANCROFT

ERNEST M. BARKER
HAROLD M. DODGE

Fence Viewers

JAMES S. MacLAREN

HAROLD A. DALEY
EDWARD A. UNDERHILL

Union Health Department Study Committee

HAROLD A. DALEY, Chairman
DR. ALBERT R. LARCHEZ
PAUL F. PERKINS, JR.

SAMUEL J. TYACK
DR. STANLEY A. WILSON
Deceased

School Needs Study Committee

ALLAN MacCURRACH, Chairman
FREDERICK CALDWELL
DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER
GEORGE C. CUTLER
HENRY J. GOURDEAU

GRACE B. LAMSON
JOHN F. NEARY
MORLEY L. PIPER
JOSEPH C. QUINN, Resigned

Building and Electrical Code Study Committee

ARTHUR M. KNIGHT, Chairman

CARL POEHLER, JR.

JEROME F. FLYNN

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS

OMER J. POIRIER

Committee to Investigate Fire and Police Housing

LAWRENCE LAMSON, Chairman

EDWARD FREDERICK

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS

G. GORDON LOVE

HENRY J. GOURDEAU



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REPORT

of the

TOWN CLERK

1955

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

I submit herewith my twelfth annual report as Clerk of our Town of Hamilton.

During the year 1955 the elections and town meetings consisted of the annual town meeting held March 7th and the annual town election held March 15th. A Special Town Meeting was called for December 14, 1955 but because a quorum was not present, it was postponed until January 4, 1956. As has been the custom for many years, a detailed report is printed in the town report as part of the Clerk's report.

A list of births, marriages and deaths recorded during the year is also included as a part of the Clerk's report. Occasionally a record of birth is received and the parents have neglected to notify the Clerk of the town or city where the birth occurred of the name of the child. Such neglect can create a very inconvenient and annoying situation should the child require a copy of the birth record at a later date as proof of age or citizenship. Parents are urged to comply with the law and notify the Clerk of the name of the child within forty days after the date of birth.

I express my sincere appreciation to all the townspeople and town officials for their assistance and cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk.

RECORDINGS AND LICENSES ISSUED

BIRTHS RECORDED

Male	50
Female	55
Total	<hr/> 105

MARRIAGES RECORDED

Residents	31
Non-residents	6
Total	<hr/> 37

DEATHS RECORDED

Residents	26
Non-residents	1
Total	<hr/> 27

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Fishing	76
Hunting	75
Sporting	43
Minors Fishing	17
Female Fishing	13
Trapping	1
Non-resident Fishing	1
Duplicate	4
Total	<hr/> 230

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	253
Female	55
Spayed Female	113
\$10. Kennel	9
25. Kennel	3
50. Kennel	2
Total	<hr/> 435

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held in the High School Auditorium, March 7, 1955

AND OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

HELD IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, MARCH 15, 1955

MODERATOR: Oliver Wolcott

ELECTION OFFICERS

Checkers

Henry Jackson
Freda Colwell
George Morrow

James D'Arcy
Edward Ready

Counters

Thomas Sargent
Katherine Day
Frank Tuck
Jessie W. B. Cunningham

Hazel Bray
Mary T. Greeley
Agnes Noyes
Jean Austin

Police

Edward Frederick

Robert Poole

Town Clerk

Francis H. Whipple

The Moderator, Mr. Oliver Wolcott, opened the meeting at seven-forty (7:40) o'clock in the evening on Monday, March 7, 1955.

Invocation offered by Rev. Edward J. McLaughlin.

Moderator: "The first business of the evening is Article 2: To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine."

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and duly seconded: "That four field drivers and four measurers of wood, lumber and bark be elected by the meeting from the floor and that the field drivers be nominated and elected first and the measurers of wood, lumber and bark immediately following."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and duly seconded: "That Harold M. Dodge, Carl C. Anderson, William W. Bancroft and Ernest M. Barker be elected field drivers for the ensuing year."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and duly seconded: "That Theodore E. Johnson, Frank W. Buzzell, Ernest M. Barker, and Leon S. Perkins be elected measurers of wood, lumber and bark for the ensuing year."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 3. Moderator: "To hear the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees and take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees, excepting the School Building Committee, as printed in the town report be received and placed on file, and that the final report of the School Building Committee as printed in the town report be accepted and placed on file and the committee discharged.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 4. Moderator: "To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways, and all other Town expenses and determine the manner of expending the same."

"As in past years, I shall read the appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee and if debate is wished on any item, call 'Pass' and that item will be considered after the others are voted as a whole."

Mr. Frederic Winthrop remarked that before the appropriations were read he would like to speak of the town taxes. He said that this town has received many good things since thirty years ago, which naturally has brought the tax rate up quite a bit. However, he said that we have better services, better buildings, and more equipment to work with. He explained that the Finance and Advisory Committee had carefully considered every item in the budget and they felt that they had done the best possible job in keeping the taxes down.

Mr. Harlan D. Crowell remarked that the increase in the town budgets in 1952, 1953, and 1954, were tremendous, and that now the budget for 1955 showed a rapid increase over all of them. He explained that he thought the Finance and Advisory Committee had done a thorough job in considering the budget, but the items recommended and the budget increase is bound to break the backs of the property owners. Crowell thought that this was a good time to start making a cut in the program, and he remarked that he would call 'Pass' on every item on the budget if the voters would back him up and show him that they were interested in cutting the budget, and if they did not back him up, he would know that the voters were not interested in lowering the tax rate.

Finance Committee	\$	20.00
Selectmen :		
Salaries	PASS.....	1,150.00
Clerical	PASS.....	2,240.00
Expenses	PASS.....	2,500.00

Mr. Harlan D. Crowell 'passed' on all three of these items and made a substituted motion that \$5,000.00 be appropriated for Selectmen Salaries, Clerical, and Expenses. A vote was taken on this amendment made by Mr. Crowell:

Voice Vote. Motion not carried.

A vote was then taken on these items on the appropriations made by the Finance and Advisory Committee and read by the Moderator:

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

The Moderator then began to read the items recommended, as in past years, and no others being passed on he continued as follows:

Accountants:

Salary	\$	3,500.00
Expenses		300.00

Treasurer:

Salary	1,600.00
Expenses	475.00

Tax Collector:

Salary	1,800.00
Expenses	750.00

Assessors:

Salaries & Wages	2,500.00
Expenses PASSED.....	460.00

Law:

Salary	800.00
Expenses	200.00

Town Clerk:

Salary	1,000.00
Expenses	300.00

Election & Registration:

Expenses	2,000.00
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Town Hall:

Salary	2,900.00
Expenses	2,350.00

Essex County Pension Fund:

Contributions	4,388.84
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Protection of Persons and Property:

Police:

Salary & Wages of Chief & Special Officers	9,700.00
Expenses	2,000.00
New Uniforms	300.00

Fire:

Wages	2,310.00
Expenses	2,210.00

Scaler of Weights & Measurers:

Salary	230.00
Expenses	100.00

Moth—Town:

Salary of Supt.	1,770.00
Wages	990.00
Expenses	500.00

Moth—Private:

Salary of Supt.	380.00
Wages	380.00
Expenses	300.00

Tree Warden:

Salary	1,250.00
Wages	1,322.00
Expenses	160.00
Special—Planting Trees	200.00
Special—Pruning Elms	500.00

Forest Fire Warden:

Salary	40.00
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Health & Sanitation:

Board of Health:

Salaries	120.00
Clerk	60.00
Milk Inspector	75.00
Expenses	1,500.00
Rubbish & Garbage Collection	10,980.00

Dental Clinic:

Salary of Nurse	200.00
Expenses	3,300.00

Inspector of Animals:

Salary	90.00
Expenses	50.00

Highways:

Salary of Supt. & Surveyor	3,400.00
Wages of Drivers & Helpers	12,880.00
Labor & Expenses	4,860.00
Sidewalks	2,000.00
Gravel Roads	9,000.00
Snow Removal & Sanding	5,000.00
Street Lighting	10,000.00

Public Welfare:

Salaries	120.00
Expenses	4,000.00

Disability Assistance	5,000.00
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Old Age Assistance:

Assistance	30,000.00
Administration	2,000.00

Aid to Dependent Children:

Aid	6,000.00
Administration	25.00

Veteran's Benefits:

Benefits	4,000.00
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Education:

General Expense	12,525.00
Expense of Instruction	132,060.02
Text Books & Supplies	8,615.00
Operation of Plant	23,550.00
Maintenance of Plant	3,740.00
Auxiliary Agencies	16,752.00
Outlay	1,255.00
Vocational	1,250.00
Maintenance of Lamson School	350.00
Enlarging Turn Around at Manasseh Cutler School	1,700.00

Libraries:

Salaries of Librarians and Janitor	1,350.00
Expenses	2,300.00

Recreation:

Park Department:

Salary of Supt.	2,900.00
Salary of Instructors and Clerk	945.00
Labor	1,400.00
Expenses	2,030.00
New Equipment PASS.....	1,500.00

Water Department:

Salary of Supt.	3,400.00
Salary of Assistants	5,600.00
Salary of Clerk	900.00
Expenses PASS.....	11,085.00
Extension of Mains	6,500.00

Cemetery:

Salary of Commissioners	75.00
Salary of Supt.	2,900.00
Salary of Clerk	200.00
Wages & Expenses	900.00

Maturing Debt:

Maturing Debt	59,000.00
Interest	12,100.00

Unclassified:

Town Reports	1,822.74
Town Clock	100.00
Memorial Day	700.00
American Legion	1,000.00
Insurance	6,000.00
Planning Board	500.00
Finance Committee—Reserve Fund	5,000.00

Mr. Frederic Winthrop moved and it was duly seconded: "That the various appropriations considered seriatim as amended be approved, and that the meeting now proceed to the consideration of the items that were "passed."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moderator: "We will now take up the items that were "Passed."

Moved by Mr. Harold L. Daley: "That the Item of Assessors Expenses be increased by \$1500.00 to provide for the compiling and printing by the Assessors of a 1955 valuation list of poll, personal property and real estate of the Town as voted for by the Annual Town Meeting for 1947, such list to be available to any resident of the town upon application therefor." Motion duly seconded.

Mr. William Foley spoke for the Finance Committee and stated that the Committee did not approve or recommend this motion. He explained how it had been voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in 1947 to publish a book of this nature that year, then in 1950, and every five years thereafter, and that these books were published in 1947 and 1950. He remarked that the Finance Committee felt that money spent for this publication is wasted, as these lists are seldom used and might be convenient, but are unnecessary, because all the information contained in these books is available at the Town Hall to any interested citizens.

Voice Vote. Motion defeated.

Moderator: "We will now take up the next item that was "passed," which was Town Hall Salary."

No discussion was made on this item, so it was voted on as recommended by the Finance Committee and read by the Moderator, Town Hall Salary, \$2,900.00

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moderator: "The next item that was "passed" was, Park Department, new equipment."

Mr. Richard L. Wiggin asked for this item to be explained as to what new equipment was being bought for \$1500.

Mr. Albert P. Lougee explained that this money was to purchase a Tractor and Mower for the Park Department.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moderator: "The next item to be discussed is Water Expenses."

Mr. Frederic Winthrop spoke for the Finance Committee and explained that they recommended that \$850 be added to the water expenses account for the fluoridation of the Town water.

Dr. John King asked that an explanation be given as to what happened to the \$1100.00 that was appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting in 1952 for the fluoridation of water.

Mr. Gordon L. Thompson explained that after the \$1100.00 had been appropriated, it was discovered that it was not an adequate amount to fluoridate the water, but the Town still has this \$1100.00 and needs \$850.00, making a total of \$1950.00 to fluoridate the water.

Mr. Frederic Winthrop made the motion that \$850.00 be appropriated to increase the water expenses to be used in conjunction with the \$1100.00 appropriated in 1952 for the fluoridation of the Town water. Motion duly seconded.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 5. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Linden Street, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500. for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Linden Street, to be expended for its share of the work, and that available funds may be used to carry on the work until the Town is reimbursed for the state and county share of the work."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 6. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of making alterations and repairs in the Clerk's Office in the town hall, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for repairs and alterations in the Clerk's office in the town hall."

Voice Vote. Motion declared carried.

Seven voters stood to doubt the vote and the Moderator announced that a standing vote would be taken. The Moderator immediately chose tellers to count the votes as follows:

Mr. Richard Smith
Mr. Arthur Knight
Mr. Morley Piper

Mr. Bernard Cullen
Mr. Arthur Bennett
Mr. Thomas Stevenson

The Moderator asked that those in favor of appropriating \$800.00 for repairs and alterations in the Clerk's office in the town hall stand and remain standing until counted. After the count was made the Moderator asked that those opposed to this appropriation stand and remain standing until counted.

The count of votes was reported to the Moderator by the tellers, and he announced the vote to be:

Yes 214

No 86

The Moderator then declared the motion carried.

Article 7. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Cruiser-Ambulance for the use of the Police Department, provide for the turning in of the present vehicle toward the purchase price thereof, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new Cruiser-Ambulance for use by the Police Department, and that the present vehicle be turned in toward the purchase price thereof, and that the Board of Selectmen, subject to applicable provisions of law, be and hereby is authorized and empowered on behalf of the town to consummate such purchase."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 8. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to purchase a truck chassis and cab for use in collecting rubbish in town and provide for the mounting of the rubbish body now owned and used by the town on such chassis, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new truck chassis and cab to be used primarily for the collection and disposal of refuse by the town, and of mounting the refuse body now owned and used by the town on such chassis, and that the Board of Health subject to applicable provisions of law, be and hereby is authorized and empowered on behalf of the Town to consummate such purchase and mounting of the body."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 9. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Fire Truck with a mechanical ladder and other fire fighting equipment and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. A. Merrill Cummings and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new Ford Fire Truck with a mechanical ladder and other fire fighting equipment, and that the Board of Selectmen, subject to applicable provisions of law, be and hereby is authorized and empowered on behalf of the Town to consummate such purchase."

Mr. A. Merrill Cummings remarked that this Fire truck was to replace the 1929 G.M.C. now owned by the fire department. This old 1929 truck is inadequate and has a hand ladder, which takes five men to operate, and that it is carrying more equipment now than the State Law allows.

Remarks by Mr. Richard Wiggin, Mr. John Walke, Mr. Lawrence Lamson, Mr. Harlan Crowell and Mr. Lawrence Pelkey.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 10. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of shingling and repairing the roof of the Adelaide Dodge Walsh School now used as headquarters for the American Legion, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of repairing and shingling the roof of the Adelaide Dodge Walsh School now used as headquarters for the American Legion, said work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Board of Selectmen."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 11. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a water pipe line from Sagamore Street to the town dump, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 for the purpose of installing a 6 inch water pipe from the water main on Sagamore Street into the town dump, said work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Board of Health."

Voice Vote. Motion Not carried.

Article 12. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of draining the area of the General George S. Patton, Jr. Park and Playground, and to acquire or enter into any necessary rights of way or agreements in connection therewith, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of draining the area of the General George S. Patton, Jr. Park and Playground, and authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to acquire or enter into any necessary rights of way or agreements in connection therewith."

Voice Vote. Motion not carried.

Article 13. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Account for the purpose of making improvements to the Town Cemetery, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. John T. Walke and duly seconded: "That the Town transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to a Cemetery Account for the purpose of making improvements to the Town Cemetery."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 14. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept a layout of the relocation of a portion of Cutler Road by the Selectmen as shown on a plan on file with the town clerk, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the relocation and rebuilding of said street in accordance with such plan, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way the layout of the relocation of a portion of Cutler Road by the Selectmen as shown on a plan on file with the town clerk entitled "Plan of Proposed Improvement at the Junction of Main Street and Cutler Road, Hamilton, Mass., October 1952, Charles H. Morse

and Son, Engineers," and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 for the relocation and rebuilding of said road in accordance with such plan."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 15. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to extend the water mains on Lake Drive approximately 1056 feet and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200. therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by James L. DeAngelis and others."

Moved by Mr. James L. DeAngelis and duly seconded that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 16. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve the Board of Assessors to use available funds or "free cash" in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$35,000.00 in determining the tax rate for the year 1955, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. John Garland and duly seconded: "That the Town vote to authorize and approve the Board of Assessors to use available funds of 'free cash' in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$35,000.00 in determining the tax rate for the year 1955."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 17. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five registered voters of the town for the purpose of investigating and studying the advisability of the fluoridation of the town water system, such committee to make its report with recommendations at the next annual town meeting, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. for the expenses of the committee or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Moved by Mr. Richard Smith and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee consisting of five registered voters of the town for the purpose of investigating and studying the advisability of the fluoridation of the town water system, such committee to make its report with recommendations at the next annual town meeting, and that the sum of \$100.00 be raised and appropriated for the expenses of the committee."

Voice Vote. Motion not carried.

Article 18. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five registered voters of the town to study and investigate possible ways and means of improving the electrical service in the town, and to consider among other things the feasibility of a municipal owned electrical generating plant and system of distribution; the feasibility of under ground wires; methods to prevent disruption of electrical service over unwarranted periods of time, such committee to report its recommendations with necessary drafts or articles to carry out the same at the annual town meeting for 1956, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the expenses of the committee, or take

any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by Harold A. Daley and others."

Moved by Mr. Harold A. Daley and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee consisting of five registered voters of the town to study and investigate possible ways and means of improving the electrical service in the town, and to consider among other things the feasibility of a municipal owned electrical generating plant and system of distribution; the feasibility of underground wires; methods to prevent disruption of electrical service over unwarranted periods of time, such committee to report its recommendations with necessary drafts or articles to carry out the same at the annual town meeting for 1956, and that the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for the expenses of the committee."

Mr. Richard Johnson amended this motion and moved: That this motion be referred to the Planning Board for investigation.

Voice Vote taken on Mr. Johnson's amendment. Motion not carried.

Voice Vote taken on Mr. Daley's motion. Motion not carried.

Article 19. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five registered voters of the town for the purpose of investigating and studying the feasibility of providing a building for quarters of the fire and police departments, said Committee to report with recommendations at the next annual town meeting, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by Lawrence Lamson and others."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded: "That the Moderator appoint a committee, consisting of the Chief of the Fire Department, Chief of Police, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Board of Selectmen, and one other registered voter to investigate the need of new quarters for the Fire and Police Departments, choose one or more possible sites and type of buildings, and bring in a report and recommendations at the next special or regular town meeting."

Mr. Richard Johnson amended this motion and moved: "That this motion be referred to the Planning Board for investigation."

Voice Vote taken on Mr. Johnson's amendment. Motion not carried.

Voice Vote on Mr. Lamson's motion referred back to the Committee to be appointed by the Moderator. Motion carried.

Seven voters stood to doubt the vote, and the Moderator announced that a standing vote would be taken. The Moderator chose the same tellers as he did for Article 6 to count the votes:

Mr. Richard Smith
Mr. Arthur Knight
Mr. Morley Piper

Mr. Bernard Cullen
Mr. Arthur Bennett
Mr. Thomas Stevenson

The Moderator asked those in favor of the appointment or such committee please stand and remain standing until counted. After the count

was made the Moderator asked those opposed please stand and remain standing until counted.

After the count of votes was reported to the Moderator by the tellers, the Moderator announced the vote to be:

Yes: 199

No: 56

Moderator then declared the motion carried.

Article 20. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Building By-Laws and Wiring By-Laws, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Bernard Cullen and duly seconded: "That the Town By-Laws be amended by the addition of a Building By-Law and Electrical By-Law as follows:

The proposed By-Laws were read by Mr. Arthur Knight as follows:

PROPOSED BUILDING BY-LAWS

TITLE

This By-Law shall be known and cited as the Building By-Law of the Town of Hamilton as provided under Chapter 143, Section 3, of the General Laws.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this By-Law is to provide minimum standards and requirements for safe and stable designs, methods of construction, and uses of materials in buildings and structures hereafter erected, altered, moved, or converted to other uses within the limits of the Town of Hamilton.

The provisions of this By-Law shall be supplementary to any and all state laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to buildings.

SCOPE

New buildings and structures hereafter erected in the Town of Hamilton shall conform to all the requirements of this By-Law.

Existing Buildings need not conform to the requirements of this By-Law except that all ordinary masonry construction buildings and all frame buildings hereafter built or altered in which the lower stories or portions thereof are used for business, and the stories above for residence purposes shall have partitions and ceilings separating the business portion from the residence portions covered with metal lath and plaster or other equivalent fire-retardent material.

ARTICLE 1. General Provisions

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen shall, in the month of April, appoint an Inspector of Buildings for the term of one year from the first day of May following, and until another is appointed in his stead; and may by appointment fill any vacancy in said office. He shall be either an architect, builder or civil engineer. He shall receive such salary as may be determined by the Board of Selectmen subject to the provisions of General Laws. If the Inspector shall have any interest in the doing of work, or the furnishing of materials for the construction, repair or alteration of any building in this town, or in the making of plans or specifications there-

for, then the application, shall be referred to the Board of Selectmen, who shall appoint a competent person to act as Inspector in his stead and may fix the compensation to be paid said person.

Section 2. No construction or alteration of a structure, building, or part thereof, shall be commenced until a description of the proposed work, together with plans if required, is filed with the Inspector of Buildings, giving full information as to materials, cost, location, owner, architect and builder, and such other information as may be requested upon blanks prepared for the purpose and approved by the Selectmen, and a permit issued by the Building Inspector.

Duties of the Inspector

Section 3. The Inspector shall keep a record of the business of the department, and submit to the Board of Selectmen an annual record of such business and such other reports as the Selectmen may require.

Section 4. The Inspector shall furnish the Board of Assessors with a record of all permits as granted, with data on cards as furnished by the Assessors, and when the building or buildings are completed shall place upon cards their outlines, with dimensions, area covered and cubical contents, together with any such data as may be required by said Board of Assessors.

Section 5. After a permit is issued and the work started, the following inspections, at least, shall be made promptly by the Building Inspector upon notification by the builder or owner that the premises are ready for such inspection.

1. After excavation and before foundations or footings are in stalled.
2. After foundations or footings are in place, but before backfill.
3. Before sheathing, plastering or lathing in whole or part.
4. When all work is completed and building ready for occupancy.

The Inspector shall not approve the work until all requirements of this By Law have been complied with.

Section 6. He shall receive applications and issue permits for the erection and alteration of buildings, as hereinafter described and shall keep detailed and sufficient records of such applications and permits.

ARTICLE 2. Permits

Section 1. The owner, lessee or agent of either, or architect, builder or contractor for any building or structure to be demolished or moved shall make written application to the Inspector of such intended demolition or moving and obtain a permit.

Section 2. The Inspector of Buildings shall issue or deny a permit within fifteen days of the receipt of the application for the permit properly filled out. The permit is for immediate use upon a building or structure to be begun at once and pushed forward to completion within a reasonable time. The permit is void after ninety days unless the work, which it allows, is begun and may become void if at any time during construction the work is halted for a period sixty days. The permit shall be kept upon the work and shall be shown, upon request to the Inspector of Buildings, any Select-

THIRD SPECIAL REPORT
of the
HAMILTON SCHOOL BUILDING
NEEDS COMMITTEE

The Special Town Meeting called at the request of the School Building Needs Committee and scheduled for December 14, 1955 was postponed for lack of a quorum until January 4, 1956. At this meeting the Hamilton School Committee recommended that the Town purchase the new two-room unit which had been added to the Manasseh Cutler School. The School Committee had used the building since September 1955 and found it to be entirely satisfactory. The Town acted on this recommendation and appropriated the sum of \$45,000 in full payment for the unit.

At this same special meeting the School Building Needs Committee was authorized to serve as a School Building Committee for the purpose of causing specifications, plans and estimates to be prepared for the construction of an additional two-room unit to be added to the Manasseh Cutler School. This action was in accordance with suggestions which had been made by the Building Needs Committee in its Second Special Report.

Since the Special January Town Meeting, the School Building Needs Committee has devoted its efforts to a study of the next steps in the overall plan to meet the educational needs of the children of the town. It now seems quite clear that after the second new unit is added to the Manasseh Cutler School and thereby making it an 16 classroom building, that no further additions should be made to this plant. The school population continues to grow and additional classrooms are a certain necessity. The present school buildings can only take care of all pupils until September 1957.

Preliminary estimates by the Building Needs Committee would indicate that there is a strong possibility that a new school containing a minimum of 12 classrooms will be needed in order to take care of known future enrollment at the elementary level. This new school should be available for use by September, 1957. If additional and exhaustive investigations substantiate this conclusion the Building Needs Committee feels that it should investigate possible locations and suggest alternative sites for a new school. The Committee would also make tentative studies of school buildings, with a view to making defensible recommendations to the Town in the very near future.

Based upon its previous study and recognizing the need for continued investigations the Building Needs Committee recommends that its work continue to the point where specific suggestions can be made to the town at a regular or special town meeting. The rate at which our school population is growing makes it imperative that recommendations be brought to the town as quickly as possible so that concrete steps can be taken to meet the need for additional classrooms in the public schools.

HAMILTON SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Allan MacCurrach, Chairman
Frederick Caldwell
Douglas A. Chandler
George C. Cutler
Henry J. Gourdeau
Grace B. Lanson
John F. Neary
Morley L. Piper



man, or their Agent. Any building operation shall be carried on in conformity with the description of the work for which permit is issued. If changes are made, a new application shall be filed and approved before they are begun.

Section 3. Same as Section 2 Article 1.

ARTICLE 3. Exemptions

Section 1. Subject to compliance with the structural requirements of this By-Law, Articles No. 4 through No. 12, ordinary repairs of buildings on structures may be made without a permit from the Inspector, but such repairs shall not be construed to include the cutting away of any stone or brick wall, or any portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any beam or support, or the removal, change or closing of any staircase, or any alteration made for the purpose of converting into a dwelling a building of structure constructed or previously used for a different purpose.

Section 2. The following shall be excepted from the provisions of this Building By-Law.

1. Buildings owned or occupied by the United States or by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

2. Bridges, quays and wharves.

3. Buildings less than seven feet in height, and eight feet in length and breadth measured to the extremes in all diameters provided that the location of such conform with the Zoning By-Law.

4. Temporary structures erected for storage or offices during construction operations provided such structures shall be removed at the completion of such operations.

5. Farm buildings not used for human occupancy situated not less than fifty feet from any other building.

6. Ordinary repairs and alterations of buildings but not including change in structural members of supports, means of egress or anything which would violate any provision of the Building Law.

7. In case of buildings or structures of special or unusual character to the construction of which those Building Laws do not particularly apply, the Inspector shall refer the question of approval of plans and specifications and the issuance of a permit to the Board of Appeals for determination.

8. Immediate emergency repairs.

ARTICLE 4. Garages

Section 1. All garages located beneath, or having a common wall with a dwelling, shall be covered with $\frac{3}{4}$ " cement plaster or equal on all walls and ceilings. Any doorway leading from such a garage into a dwelling shall be equipped with a self-closing door, frame and door on garage side to be metal covered.

Section 2. If the garage be placed nearer to the building than ten feet, the wall nearer to the principal building must be of fire proof material, and the ceiling built of fire-resisting material. If the garage is to be placed in the basement of the dwelling, or attached to it on either side, or built within five feet of it, then all sides shall be of fireproof material and the ceiling as well.

ARTICLE 5. Foundations

Every building shall have a continuous solid masonry foundation, to be built of stone, poured concrete in forms, precast concrete blocks, brick or other approved material, extending from a point at least three and one-half feet below grade, or from ledge, to the under side of the sill at the first floor level. If the land is on one or more sides slopes away to less than one foot above the cellar or basement floor level than the sill may also follow the contour of the land. This exception will not apply where there is no cellar or basement.

For buildings other than accessory buildings of one story in height, the thickness of the foundation walls will be as follows:

- a. Stone walls, not less than sixteen inches thick.
- b. Poured concrete of a mix equal to that prescribed by the American Standard Association building codes for masonry to be at 10" thick in the forms increasing in thickness according to height, size and use of building.
- c. Pre-cast concrete blocks, well seasoned, twelve inches wide to grade, and subject to the same requirements as of poured concrete.
- d. All masonry walls except stone walls shall start from a footing of concrete re-inforced, if necessary, when required by the Building Inspector. Such footings shall be at least ten inches thick and four inches wider on each side than the wall itself.
- e. No masonry wall shall be built to a height greater than ten feet without reinforcements or permanent bracing.
- f. Carrying timbers shall be supported as to length and size at least equal to the National Lumber Manufacturer's Association tables.

The above requirements shall not be applied to piazzas, porches, or similar projections of not more than one story in height or of more than 100 square feet of floor area. Garages and other small buildings are also exempted.

Under no circumstances, however, will the use of wood resting on or imbedded in the ground be allowed to be used for supports under any sill, girder, partition shoe or other timber sustaining weight.

ARTICLE 6. Firestopping

Section 1. All buildings, alterations or additions thereto, hereafter erected, shall be fire-stopped at all floor levels, to prevent the spread of fire and to cut off drafts.

Section 2. Firestopping shall be done by two-inch stock, nominal measure, and must be placed between floor joists at the sill inside the studs between floor joists resting on a girder, girt, partition cap or any other supporting timber, full and complete in height up to the under side of the lining floor. On top of the lining floor stock of two inches in thickness full width of the studs shall be laid flatways between the studs.

Section 3. Stairs shall be firestopped at each end and in the middle of each run.

Section 4. Chimneys are to be firestopped at each floor with metal strips.

Section 5. Firestopping shall be provided to form an effectual horizontal fire barrier between stories and roof spaces. The stopping shall con-

sist of pieces of wood, not less than two inches thick, fitted tightly, cement mortar, or brick filling. Fire stopping shall not be concealed from view until opportunity has been given to the Building Inspector to approve it. (Masonry materials may be used in place of wood.)

ARTICLE 7. Fire Protection of Woodwork

Section 1. Woodwork shall be kept at least one inch from the outside brick work of chimneys and in no case shall nails be driven into the masonry of a chimney for the support of woodwork. Chimneys built on the outside of a structure need not comply with the above-mentioned one inch rule. Smoke pipes from furnaces and heaters shall be kept at least eighteen inches away from any woodwork, unless woodwork is protected.

Registers, connected with hot air furnaces, shall be set in non-combustible borders at least two inches wide.

Steam pipes shall be kept at least one inch from all woodwork or shall be protected by an incombustible ring or tube, or rest on iron supports.

Section 2. Wood and other combustible floors under stoves or similar appliances without legs shall be protected by one inch of asbestos or four inches of masonry, extending not less than four inches beyond the limits of the said appliance.

Section 3. No heating boiler, furnace, laundry stove, or similar appliance shall be placed within one and one-half feet of any partition, or ceiling of wood or wood lath and plaster, or within three feet of such partition or ceiling unless guarded by sheet metal loosely attached to provide an air space behind.

Section 4. No heating boiler or furnace shall be placed upon wooden floor construction.

Section 5. No stove or kitchen range shall be placed closer than twelve inches to any woodwork or wood lath and plaster partition; nor closer than twenty-four inches, unless guarded with sheet metal, held off one inch from said partition, and allowing a ventilating air space, unless the appliance is approved for contrary installation by the Underwriters' Laboratories.

Section 6. All gas, gasoline, or other open flame appliances shall be placed on non-combustible stands at least six inches above any combustible support, unless the burners are at least five inches above the base, with metal guard plates below the burners.

No such device shall be used in a room where gasoline or other volatile inflammable liquid is handled, and no such liquid shall be stored in any room where such device is installed.

Section 7. Gas connections to stoves or heating devices shall be by rigid metal pipes.

ARTICLE 8. Party Walls

No opening or doorway shall be cut through a party or partition wall of any building without a permit from the Building Inspector, and when required by the Building Inspector, every such doorway shall be protected by standard self-closing fire doors with approved resistive frame and hardware.

ARTICLE 9. Chimneys

Section 1. No tile or metal chimneys shall be allowed. All masonry chimneys shall rest on a concrete footing six inches thick and except those with solid brick walls eight inches thick, shall be lined throughout with vitreous flue lining, not less than 8" x 12" (inside dimensions), and shall be topped at least 4 feet above the highest point of contact with the roof or 2 feet above the ridge pole.

No chimney shall be supported on wood. No wood closer than 1" to any chimney. Space between chimneys and floor joists to be firestopped. Except in the case of chimneys built on the outside structures, no wood closer than 1" to any chimney. Spaces between chimney and floor joists are to be firestopped.

Section 2. Every smoke pipe hole into a chimney shall be provided with a metal thimble. Masonry walls at the back and sides of every fireplace shall be at least 8" thick, if of brick and 12" thick if of stone. All fireplaces, shall have dampers. Hearths shall be at least 16" in front of the fireplace openings, and at least 8" wider than the fireplace opening. Wood centers under fireplace hearth arches shall be removed before finishing thereunder. No woodwork shall be within 5" of any smoke pipe.

ARTICLE 10. Roofs

Section 1. No part of any roof shall be constructed in such a manner as to discharge snow, ice or other material upon a public street or sidewalk.

Section 2. Any roof hereafter constructed in the Town of Hamilton, shall be covered with a fire-resistive material such as metal, tile, slate, asbestos shingles, or surfaced asphalt shingles. If asphalt shingles are used, they shall weigh not less than 210 pounds per hundred square feet laid or 64 pounds per hundred square feet of material not laid.

Section 3. The roofs of all public buildings hereafter erected or constructed, and the roof of any existing public buildings hereafter recovered shall be covered and roofed with a non-combustible or fire-retarding material mentioned above.

Section 4. When twenty-five per cent or more of a roof covering is hereafter replaced, the new covering shall be one of the fire-resistive materials mentioned above.

ARTICLE 11. Materials

Minimum requirements of materials shall be equal to those prescribed by National Lumber Manufacturer's Association tables, and in any event shall be equal to the following:

Sills 4" x 6"

Girders 6" x 8" or steel "I" Beams.

Floor Joists 2" x 8" to 14' span—16" on center.

Floor Joists 2" x 10" to a 18' span—16" on center.

Studs outside walls and carrying partitions 2" x 4"—16" on center.

Collar ties 2" x 6".

Rafters 2" x 6" 14 feet in length or under—16" on center.

Rafters 2" x 8" 14 feet or longer—16" on center or any other floor

design which would carry a 50 lbs. minimum live load per square foot, residential; 75 lbs. minimum live load per square foot commercial.

ARTICLE 12. Exhaust Fans

Exhaust fans, which are built into a structure, shall be properly exhausted to the outside. Such fans shall be of any approved type and the installation shall be to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector.

ARTICLE 13. Descriptions Not Specified

Section. 1. All buildings hereafter erected with a specification not provided for in this Building By-Law, shall be constructed in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the Building Inspector.

Section 2. All buildings hereafter erected shall be placed on lots in accordance with all the provisions of the Zoning By-Law relating to setbacks and yards, and other pertinent features.

ARTICLE 14. Fees

The following fees shall be paid by applicants for permits into the treasury of the Town before a permit will be issued.

Any dwelling	\$10.00
Garage or Accessory building	3.00
Alteration or addition:	
For operation costing up to \$1,000	3.00
For each \$1,000 of cost above the first \$1,000	1.00

ARTICLE 15. Appeals

The Board of Appeals under the existing Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hamilton shall also act as a Board of Appeals under the Building By-Laws. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Inspector of Buildings may appeal to the Board of Appeals, who shall grant a hearing to the aggrieved and shall render a decision within fourteen days from the date of appeal. Decision shall require the assent of two members. The Board of Appeals may, in cases where manifest injustice is done or in cases which appear to them not to have been contemplated by the Building By-Law, suspend or vary the regulations herein. The decision shall specify the variations allowed.

ARTICLE 16. Amendments

This Building By-Law or any part thereof may be modified or repealed as provided by law, at any Town Meeting duly called.

ARTICLE 17. Penalties

Whoever wilfully violates any of the provisions of this Building By-Law shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$50.00 for each such violation.

ARTICLE 18. Invalidity of Any Article

The invalidity of any article, section or provision of this Building By-Law shall not invalidate any other article, section or provision thereof.

ELECTRICAL BY-LAW

TITLE

This By-Law shall be known and cited as the Electrical By-Law of the Town of Hamilton as provided under Chapter 166 Section 32 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SCOPE

All electrical wiring hereafter done within the limits of the Town of Hamilton shall comply with the minimum standards set forth in the National Electrical Code, as amended, or the National Electrical Safety Code and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Existing wiring should comply with the minimum standards of the aforementioned Codes, in the interest of personal safety and the safety of property.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this By-Law is to put into effect the provisions of Chapter 166, Section 32, as amended of the general laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 1. Appointment

There shall be appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen an Inspector of Wires. Such appointment shall be made in May of each year and he shall hold office for the term of one year until another is appointed in his place. The Selectmen may at any time remove him. He shall keep a record of the business of his department and submit to the Selectmen in time for publication in the annual town report a yearly report of such business.

The Inspector of Wires must hold a license issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, such license must be kept in force during the term of his service.

ARTICLE 2. Regulations

All electrical wiring shall comply with the regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters Electrical Code, as amended, and the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 3. Duties of Inspector

All wiring shall be inspected by the inspector of wires before the building is laid or the wires otherwise covered.

ARTICLE 4. Permits

A written permit shall be obtained from the Electrical Inspector or his agent prior to starting any electrical work within the Town of Hamilton.

ARTICLE 5. Fees

The following fees shall be collected before an electrical permit is issued:

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Residential Home (new)	\$3.00
Commercial Building	3.00
(per thousand or fraction thereof of the electrical cost.)	

ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS
(Current Consuming Outlets)

For 1 through 10 outlets	\$.25
For 11 through 25 outlets .....	.50
For 26 through 50 outlets	1.00
For 51 through 100 outlets	1.50
For each additional 25 outlets or fractional part thereof in excess of 100 .....	.25
Bell transformers and heat control regulators will be classed as current consuming outlets.	

MOTORS

For each motor installed	\$.50
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HEATING DEVICES

For first 2,000 watts or less	\$.50
For each additional 5,000 watts or fractional part50

ARTICLE 6. Penalties

Whoever wilfully violates any of the provisions of this Electrical By-Law shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$50.00 for each violation.

ARTICLE 7. Invalidity

The invalidity of any article, section or provision of this Electrical By-Law shall not invalidate any other article, section or provision thereof.

Mr. Elmer Smith amended the motion and it was duly seconded that "The Proposed Building By-Laws and Electrical By-Laws, as read by Mr. Knight, be referred back to the same Committee for another years' study and consideration.

Voice Vote on Mr. Smith's amendment. Amendment carried.

Article 21. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to place on the official ballot at the 1956 Annual Town Election the following question: Shall sections sixty-nine C to sixty-nine F, inclusive, of Chapter forty-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other departments and town officers be accepted:
or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Whitney Lundgren and duly seconded: "That the following question be placed on the official ballot for the 1956 Annual Town Election:

Shall sections sixty-nine C to sixty-nine F, inclusive, of Chapter forty-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a board

of public works exercising the powers of certain other departments and town officers be accepted."

Moved by Mr. Robert Greeley and duly seconded: "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Article 22. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of compiling and printing a Valuation List of Poll, Personal Property and Real Estate of the Town, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Frederic Winthrop and duly seconded: "That this Article be indefinitely postponed."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 23. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes thereof payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and amendments thereto."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 24. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and Amendments thereto."

Moved by Mr. John H. Perkins and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and amendments thereto."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 25. Moderator: "To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting."

Mr. Edward A. DeWitt, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, addressed the Chair and asked for permission to speak and ascend to the stage, which permission was granted. Mr. DeWitt then spoke as follows:

Mr. Moderator, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In behalf of my fellows citizens, it is with regret that I have to announce that tonight is the last time that Mr. Wolcott will serve as our Moderator, as he is not going to be a candidate for that office this year.

Mr. Wolcott has served the Town for 30 years in an able and efficient manner, and has given much of his time and service for the good of the

community, and the town officials would like at this time, to express their very great appreciation for his untiring efforts in our behalf.

It has been suggested that Mr. Wolcott might like to have the gavel with which he has so capably conducted Hamilton Town Meetings for so many years, so it is with sincere gratitude that I present to you, Mr. Wolcott, this gavel, as a remembrance of your years of service to the Town of Hamilton. Good health and happiness to you in the future."

Mr. Wolcott thanked all, expressed how he had enjoyed serving the Town for so many years, and his gratitude for the gavel.

Mr. Lawrence Stone, Member of the Board of Selectmen, addressed the Chair and asked permission to speak and ascend to the stage, which permission was granted. Mr. Stone then spoke as follows:

"Mr. Moderator, may I take this opportunity to recognize another town official who has rendered long and faithful service. Sometime ago Edward A. DeWitt announced that he was not to be a candidate for the Board of Selectmen after serving twenty-three years. In recognition of that service I wish to present to him this scroll upon which is inscribed the following:

Whereas, Edward A. DeWitt has chosen not to seek re-election to public office in the Town of Hamilton after an outstanding term of service totalling twenty-two years as Selectman, and

Whereas, both as Chairman and Member of the Board he has wisely and tirelessly discharged the many and exacting duties of "town father" at all times, and

Whereas, his cheerful and energetic nature, his friendly helpfulness toward his fellow citizens and their problems, and his personal application to all that served Hamilton best, have marked him as an exemplary public servant, be it

Resolved, that we, the Officials of the Town of Hamilton, rejoice in this opportunity for ourselves and for our townspeople, to express and record our gratitude to Edward A. DeWitt, and trust that he will find a deep and rewarding personal satisfaction in twenty-two years of service that can only be characterized as a job well done.

Mr. Edward A. DeWitt thanked all and expressed his deep gratitude.

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn at 10:35 P. M., until 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 15, 1955, at the High School Auditorium, when the balloting under Article 1 shall take place.

Vote on Article 1, March 15, 1955.

Polls were opened at 8:00 A. M. by the Moderator, Oliver Wolcott. There were 1170 votes cast under Article 1.

Men	604	Voted in Person	1160
Women	566	Absentee Votes	10

MODERATOR—for one year

Perkins, John H.	1021	Blanks	148
Greeley, Robert A.	1		

TOWN CLERK—for one year

Whipple, Francis H.	1058	Blanks	112
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SELECTMEN—three for one year

Haley, Everett F.	636	MacKenzie, William F.	516
Stone, Lawrence R.	671	Sargeant, Edward H.	103
Haraden, Donald G.	384	Blanks	601
Lamson, Lawrence	599		

TREASURER—for one year

Sellman, Walfred B.	1017	Blanks	153
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TAX COLLECTOR—for one year

Crowell, Bertha L.	1078	Blanks	92
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ASSESSOR—for three years

Adams, Elmo O.	979	Blanks	191
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ASSESSOR—for two years

Bennett, Arthur L.	773	Blanks	72
Tree, Frank L.	325		

TREE WARDEN—for one year

Haraden, Rudolph H.	1011	Blanks	159
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HIGHWAY SURVEYOR—for one year

Poole, Charles F.	1032	Blanks	138
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE—one for three years

MacCurrach, Allan	811	Blanks	84
Henley, Thomas L.	275		

TRUSTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY—for three years

Neary, John F.	988	Blanks	182
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WATER COMMISSIONER—for three years

Thompson, Gordon L.	970	Blanks	200
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONER—for three years

Walke, John T.	976	Blanks	193
Whipple, Raymond A.	1		

PARK COMMISSIONER—for three years

Hopkins, Philip	859	Blanks	75
Emery, Richard M.	236		

PLANNING BOARD—for five years

Cutler, George C., Jr.	940	Blanks	230
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The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M., and the Moderator announced the results of the voting and declared the meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Called for December 14, 1955

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. by John H. Perkins, Moderator.

A count of the voters present ascertained that a sufficient number were not present to constitute a quorum of two hundred. Upon Motion by Everett F. Haley, duly seconded, it was voted to adjourn until 8:30 P.M.

Meeting again called to order at 8:30 P.M. by the Moderator. A count of the voters showed one-hundred forty (140) present, and did not constitute a quorum.

Upon motion by Allan MacCurrach, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until January 4, 1956, at 8:00 P.M.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk

1955 BIRTHS RECORDED

- Daniel Robert, son of Stanley E. and Mary C. (Horgan) Allen.
 Jeffrey Hewes, son of Gordon H. Jr. and Lillian M. (Williams) Allen.
 Judith Debra, daughter of Joseph G. and Barbara A. (Carr) Allen.
 Deborah Victoria, daughter of Walter J. and Marion C. (Charney) Bachry.
 James Arthur, son of Henry J. Jr. and M. Lorraine (Willard) Bailey.
 Merrill Gardner, son of George G. and Elizabeth D. (Lawrence) Beckett.
 Richard Alan, son of Robert C. and Grace E. (Lambert) Berry.
 Stephen Leonard, son of Creighton C. and Justine Audrey (Rice) Blenkhorn.
 Wendy Joan, daughter of Donald L. and Joyce E. (Schmeling) Bray.
 Susan Mary, daughter of Revere W. and Ione E. (Story) Brooks.
 Lee Ann, daughter of Phillip J. and Barbara T. (Dooley) Burnham.
 David Matthew, son of Clayton Matthew and Betty Evelyn (Morris) Burton.
 Kathy Marie, daughter of Donald Otis and Ruth Abbott (Thompson) Butman.
 Barbara Jean, daughter of Howard R. and Barbara H. (Seavey) Carlton.
 Peter, son of William J. and Pearl E. (Spear) Carney.
 Robert David, son of Emile Jr. and M. Elizabeth (Gillis) Chartier.
 Melinda June, daughter of Henry Edward and Elva Adele (Smith) Clay.
 Cheryl Ann, daughter of John B. Jr. and Olga (Vandi) Clemenzi.
 John Dana, son of John F. and Jean (McKay) Cleveland.
 Peter Nestor Jr., son of Peter Nestor and Annie Marie (Maione) Colantoni.
 Susan Marie, daughter of Byron E. Jr. and Thelma C. (Elario) Collins.
 Mark William, son of Howard M. and Elizabeth M. (Sonia) Collyer.
 Gordon Gordon Jr., son of Gordon Gordon and Florence Elizabeth (McKean) Coogan.
 Barry Wilson, son of Wilson Jr. and Mildred (Fair) Davis.
 Richard, son of Richard and Barbara A. (Elario) Dawson.
 Joel Arnold, son of Alfred J. and Barbara (Parsons) Decareau.
 Beth Hope, daughter of Thomas H. and Emma J. (Boyer) Dickson.
 Robert John, son of John W. and Dorothy T. (Nash) Dowding.
 Susan Lyn, daughter of George Edmond Jr., and Betty Jane (Smith) Dupuis.
 Arlene Weymouth, daughter of Edmond N. and Carol P. (Eaton) Elowe.
 Stephen Paul, son of Willard J. Jr. and Phyllis (Webber) Estes.
 Lisa Dianne, daughter of Seraphino and Bette (Nicholson) Ferriero.
 Iren Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Bernard and Gladys Imelda (Poirier) Finnegan.
 Bryan Michael, son of John T. and Nadja T. (Zuk) Fleming.
 Kathryn Marie, daughter of Kenneth Winfield and Marie Irene (Boudreau) Furbush.
 Charles Thomas, son of Charles Emile Jr. and Edith Jacquelyn (Whittier) Gagnon.
 Douglas Frazer, son of Tudor and Marion Reed (Frazer) Garland.
 Margaret Jean, daughter of Wayne R. and Margaret E. (Adams) Gauthier.

Peter Paul, son of Stephen and Joan M. (McGeoghegan) Giera.
 Therese Ann, daughter of James Kehoe and Jane Josephine (Kettell) Girard.

Patricia Jayne, daughter of Robert A. and Irene A. (Tabor) Greeley.
 Chester Howard III, son of Chester H. and Ruth C. (Ferrier) Guilford.
 James Carl, son of Robert V. and Anne M. (Christiansen) Hamilton.
 Glenn Robert, son of William E. A. and Marie L. (Dupee) Haslegrave.
 Robert Henry, son of Harry Charlton and Gladys Eunice (Hulbert) Hatfield.

Cheryl Ann, daughter of Robert and Agnes (Knight) Hathaway.
 Lisa Aileen, daughter of Stanley I. Jr. and Carole J. (Schoellhorn) Hayes.
 Peter Alfred, son of Leonard Lawrence III and Elaine Lois (Tapley) Heitz.

Marion Darlene, daughter of Charles G. and C. June (Peters) Hilton.
 Deborah Jean, daughter of Robert T. and Joanne (Cole) Hines.
 Mark, son of Laurence James and Agnes Frances (Doyle) Hurley.
 Thomas Ralph, son of Athill W. and Alice L. (Laffin) Irvine.
 Paula Whipple, daughter of Henry C. Jr. and Barbara F. (Whipple) Jackson.

Stevens Michael, son of Robert F. and Marion T. (McRae) Kelley.
 Kathleen Hazel, daughter of Robert E. and Katherine (Fallon) King.
 Lawrence George, son of Edmund W. and Jacqueline (White) Lakeman.
 Sandra Jane, daughter of John J. and Nancy J. (Moffett) Lonngren.
 Joyce Elizabeth, daughter of Arthur E. and Elizabeth M. (Crockett) Loubris.

Roger William, son of Richard J. and Abigail A. (Cutler) Louis.
 Marilyn Lucy, daughter of Anthony Ralph and Mary Ada (Schofield) Maione.

Susan Nelda, daughter of John M. and Patricia A. (Hallock) Martinson.
 John Albert 3rd, son of John A. Jr. and Frances (Terrick) McArdle.
 Michael Robert, son of Robert A. and Eva (Lamothe) McRae.
 Steven Donald, son of Donald L. and Lillian (Hake) Miller.
 Susan Ann, daughter of Donald L. and Lillian (Hake) Miller.
 Peter Chapman, son of Louis Stephen and Hazel Dell (Chapman) Morin.
 Bruce Edward son of Irving L. and Mabel J. (Hatch) Morse.
 Elizabeth Howland, daughter of Frederick S. 3rd and Elizabeth H. (Perkins) Moseley.

Sara, daughter of Harold D. and Jeanne (Collins) Moses.
 Richard Wayne, son of Robert H. and Marjorie E. (Hodgkins) Nelson.
 Robin Kathleen, Daughter of Charles Joseph and Patricia Evelyn (Peaver) Oliver.

Doreen, daughter of Millard Oscar and Winifred Merle (Workman) Palm.
 Donald Carl Jr., son of Donald Carl and Lorraine Marion (Wright) Pat-scheider.

Marilyn, daughter of John J. and Elizabeth W. (King) Perkins.
 Bradley Marston, son of Albert Alden and Lois (Johnson) Poirier.
 Brooks Scott, son of Edward H. and Priscilla H. (Brooks) Porter.
 Lesha Daun, daughter of Horst M. W. and Evalie R. (Rousseau) Prehl.
 Ella May, daughter of Arthur Steven and Evelyn Grace (Amor) Purdy.

Debra Ann, daughter of Edward and Barbara Cornelia (Ewing) Rauscher.
 Daniel Charles, son of Harold William and Joan Marie (Murphy) Regan.
 Goeffrey Upham, son of Robert R. and Christine (Bagnell) Rendall.
 Peter Wyman, son of David L. Jr. and Elizabeth J. (Roberts) Richardson.
 Philip Stephen Jr., son of Philip S. and Gladys I. (Pollock) Robinson.
 Jenifer Hylda, daughter of Derek G. and Penelope A. (Hawkings) Ryan.
 Veronica Mary, daughter of Joseph V. and Veronica M. (McParland) Sargent.

Judy Ann, daughter of Harvey F. and Lucy (McLaughlin) Saunders.
 Joanne Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph A. and Virginia A. (Stelline) Sciola.
 Nancy Iselin, daughter of Francis P. Jr. and Barbara (Iselin) Sears.
 Laurie Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Stimpson and Elizabeth Mackie (Marr) Speck.

Tania Lu, Daughter of Carl G. and Sybil E. (Mitchell) Stenberg.
 Marie Catherine, daughter of George and Jeannette (Levis) Sullivan.
 Carrie-Jean, daughter of George E. and Jean (Howard) Thibodeau.
 Deborah Susan, daughter of Alex Donald and Jean M. (Brower) Thistle.
 Teryl Lynne, daughter of Llewellyn I. and Doris B. (Jones) Thomas.
 Donald Frederick, son of Preston and Dorothy (Dunn) Thompson.
 Sandra Lee, daughter of Gordon Leland and Barbara Anne (Brooks) Thompson.

Clara Mary, daughter of Odila Joseph and Adele (Therien) Trembley.
 Robert Arthur, son of Robert and Joan M. (April) Trembley.
 Leonard Keith, son of Robert Lee and Audrey Carol (Perkins) Tuneburg.
 Allen Lawrence, son of Gordon W. and Marian (Jones) Webb.
 Holly Rosamond, daughter of John H. and Rosamond (Leighton) Wetson.
 Lynn Ann, daughter of Kenneth A. and Frances E. (Lynch) Wiggin.
 Heidi Jean, daughter of David Parker and Constance Elizabeth (Baker) Wilde.

Bonnie Jean, daughter of William P. and Jeannine (Viel) Wilson.
 Charles Stanley, son of Oliver Jr. and Carolyn (Kinney) Wolcott.

1955 MARRIAGES RECORDED

Patsy Accomando of Beverly, Massachusetts
 Ellen E. Donlon of Hamilton, Massachusetts

John Cameron Babcock of Melrose, Massachusetts
 Kathleen Alyce Bean of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Stanley R. Berry of Hamilton, Massachusetts
 Elizabeth L. Fitzgerald of Beverly, Massachusetts

Creighton C. Blenkhorn of Hamilton, Massachusetts
 Justine A. Rice of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Walter Mason Cabot of Dover, Massachusetts
Dorothy Scullin of Prides Crossing, Massachusetts

Frank Harlan Clock, Jr. of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Edith P. Blaquiere of Ipswich, Massachusetts

Donald Henry Coulter, Jr. of Wenham, Massachusetts
Nelda Virginia Haszard of Wenham, Massachusetts

Howard Gardiner Cushing, Jr. of Rhode Island
Cornelia Lee Clark of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Michael L. DeAngelis of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Nellie L. (Wilson) Carano of Lynn, Massachusetts

John Alden Eaton of Manchester, Massachusetts
Ruth Louise Whittier of Wenham, Massachusetts

Richard F. Eckert of Freeport, Illinois
Nancy Knight of Ipswich, Massachusetts

John Byers Emeny of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Sandra Muzzey of Beverly, Massachusetts

John Young Galley of Buffalo, New York
Marilyn Lois (Dodge) Davis of Wenham, Massachusetts

Philip Steele Girard of Ipswich, Massachusetts
Patricia Claire Gianakas of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Edward Anderson Haraden of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Ethel Marie McDavitt of Somerville, Massachusetts

Richard Harrington of Ipswich, Massachusetts
Jean Maidment of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Norman Edward Lawnsby of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Elizabeth M. Hart of Gloucester, Massachusetts

Robert S. Lear of Manchester, Massachusetts
Shan D. Sargeant of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Arthur J. Maidment of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Jean Freeman of Bradford, Massachusetts

Joseph Magee Murray Jr. of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Senata Brent Bartlett of Waterbury, Vermont

Teddie Nalley of Benton, Arkansas
Sylvia May Grant of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Ronald Pasek of Beverly, Massachusetts
Anne LeBlanc of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Robert L. Poirier of Ipswich, Massachusetts
Phyllis M. Smerage of Hamilton, Massachusetts

G. Glen Potter of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Joanne Livermore of Duxbury, Massachusetts

William J. Robins, Jr. of Ipswich, Massachusetts
Elizabeth W. Walke of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Lee W. Schofield of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Patricia A. Murphy of Salem, Massachusetts

Percy Emery Seaver of Boxford, Massachusetts
Laura Capsey Mears of Enosburg, Vermont

Gregory William Semons of Beverly, Massachusetts
Marguerite J. Caverly of Hamilton, Massachusetts

George V. Shannon, Jr. of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Elvera Claire Gentile of Gloucester, Massachusetts

Herbert Sheppard of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Alberta Mae Bryant of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Francis P. Theriault of Salem, Massachusetts
Virginia P. Rowe of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Peter Johnson Tillson of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Sandra Anne Tremblay of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Ernest F. Tozier of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Marian B. (Fletcher) Steeves of Melrose, Massachusetts

John Alan Trefry of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Velma Jean Chase of Danvers, Massachusetts

John W. Tyack of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Carol G. Weston of Salem, Massachusetts

John Augustus Welchlin of Quincy, Massachusetts
Dorothy May Fletcher of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Donald E. Wood of Beverly, Massachusetts
Laura I. Tate of Hamilton, Massachusetts

1955 DEATHS RECORDED

<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
William H. Andrews	61		
Ada H. Boomhover	90	0	13
Harriett (Snell) Crosby	67	9	20
Francis Dane	88	10	0
Robert Newton Davis	41	7	0
Charles H. Dixon	64	6	15
Carrie M. Dodge	74	4	29
George W. Fitz	89	4	13
Louis P. Foote	47	9	12
James H. Goodrich	74	7	12
Pauline Gould	61	0	7
Mary A. Hawkins	70	3	26
William I. Lee, Jr.	34		
Davin Manzer	66	5	24
Frederick Marks	64	10	19
Charles Peterson	93	3	9
Richard Power	82		
Oscar Reirson	75		
Robert John Savory	19	3	27
Charles A. Smerage	75	8	12
George David Smith	72	2	10
Carrie E. Stephens	78	8	10
Ernest F. Stockwell	56	4	12
Milton H. Thayer	54	10	11
Sere Tubitsky	78	1	26
Alonzo Walker	56	2	11
Stanley Albert Wilson	57	9	24

JURY LIST FOR 1955

Elmo Adams, 61 Plum Street
George Cann, 49 Hamilton Avenue
Douglas Chandler, 9 Pilgrim Road
Harry F. Clarke, 19 Mill Street
Bernard F. Cooney, 113 School Street
William R. Corning, 394 Essex Street
William F. Cox, 6 Orchard Road
Guy A. Crosby, Lake Drive
David Crowell, 34 Maple Street
Robert O. Dewar, 21 Maple Street
Robert M. Dunn, 80 Union Street
Arthur Ellison, 29 Cutler Road
Brainard D. Feltis, 82 Union Street
Jackson W. Garfield, 102 Goodhue Street
Gordon A. Hemenway, 33 Home Street
Philip Hopkins, 17 Rust Street
Daniel E. Hughes, 10 Lincoln Avenue
Harold M. Johnson, Jr., 24 Lois Street
Virginia Lougee, 15 Lincoln Avenue
Robert P. Marchand, 70 Cunningham Drive
Alfred H. Nickerson, 110 Linden Street
Julius G. Pisani, 87 Cutler Road
John H. Quinn, Jr., 35 Maple Street
Edward Seaver, 14 Garfield Avenue
Roy A. Shannehan, 5 Moynihan Road
Elmer H. Smith, 56 Rust Street
Nataline H. Smith, 601 Bay Road
Roland S. Stone, 259 Bridge Street
Marion A. Thompson, 10 Prospect Street
Winston H. Tirrell, Lake Drive
Frank Leonard Tree, 519 Bridge Street
John T. Walke, 974 Bay Road
Frank Wetherbee, 200 Asbury Street
John H. Wetson, 8 Naples Road
Edward L. Wheatly, Jr., Forest Street
Harry E. Williams, 175 Linden Street
C. Donald Woodman, 409 Essex Street
Eveline M. Young, Bridge Street

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

The Board of Water Commissioners herewith submit their twentieth Annual Report of the Water Department.

The Department laid 2000 feet of 6" Century pipe under the Extension of Mains program. 1300 feet laid on Lake Drive and 700 feet on Linden Street, including the installation of three hydrants.

With 110 more services added to our system it is now necessary to find additional water supply, if we are to have ample supply during the summer months.

The check on original meters and repair to same is carried out where needed.

We wish to thank the residents of the Town of Hamilton, and all the Town Departments for their Cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON L. THOMPSON, Chairman

GEORGE A. HARRIGAN

RICHARD H. SMITH

Water Commissioners

REPORT OF THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:

I respectfully submit my yearly report as Superintendent of the Water Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The Department installed 1300 feet of six inch Keasbey Mattison pipe on Lake Drive and two Ludlow fire hydrants and gates.

The six inch main on Linden Street has been completed by the addition of 700 feet of pipe and one fire hydrant and gate.

Applications for 110 permanent services and 34 summer services were received and connections were made to the distributing system making a total of 1260.

The meters were read quarterly and those needing repairs have been removed from service and repaired at our meter shop. The repairing of gate valves, "Y" valves, hydrants and other work pertaining to the operation of the department has been done.

The following figures will indicate the increase in the pumpage of water for the past year.

	1954	
Total gallons pumped		61,890,400
Daily average		169,535
	1955	
Total gallons pumped		73,398,800
Daily average		201,093

WATER ANALYSIS — PARTS PER MILLION

	Collection October 17, 1955	
	No. 410875	No. 108676
	Old station	New station
Turbidity	0	0
Sediment	0	0
Color	18	4
Odor—cold	0	0
Chlorides	12	12
Hardness	48	354
Alkalinity—M. O.	32	35
	PHTH	
P. H.	6.3	6.3
Iron	.10	.04

May I express my appreciation of the cooperation that our department has received from other town departments and from all who are associated with us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE,
Superintendent, Water Department

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to submit to you the Annual Report of the Department of the Sealer of Weights and Measurers for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Scales:	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	<i>Not Sealed</i>	<i>Condemned</i>
Over 10,000 lbs.		2	1	
100 to 5,000 lbs		8		
Under 100 lbs.		23		
Weights:				
Avoirdupois		28		
Volumetric Measures:				
Liquid under 1 Gallon		16		
Automatic Liquid				
Measuring Devices:				
Meters		20	2	
Vehicle Tank		5		
Kerosene, Oil, Grease		8		
Linear Measures:		2		

Respectfully Submitted,

ERVING O. MAXWELL,
Sealer.

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Park Board herein submits their annual report in the year ending Dec. 31, 1955.

The Playground opened June 20th and closed Aug. 20th. Total registration of 312 with daily average attendance of 98.

The increase of registration and attendance shows that the playground activities are very active and beneficial to the children.

Beach days were enjoyed twice during the summer including the Mother's Club Picnic and final day at Canobie Lake. The usual events prevailed during the season; awards were made on closing day.

Through the gift of the Mother's Club, we were able to purchase a large raft for Walshes Park; also, a record player for the P. A. System at the skating rink, both of which can be enjoyed by everyone.

We maintain Patton Park, Cutler Park, Soldiers Green, Roosevelt Ave. Park, Walsh Park at Chebacco Lake, all School Grounds, including four Ball Diamonds which were under the care and supervision of Mr. Henry Steline, the Supt.

The President's U.S. Day (proclamation) was held Oct. 24th with the planting of a tree near the Beatrice Patton Memorial Fireplace.

The tree was furnished by the Children who attend the Movies, and planted by a Cub Scout under the direction of Mrs. B. Preston Cutler. School Children, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Public were in attendance, sponsored by Comm. Garden Club of Hamilton-Wenham.

A great deal of work has to be done at the Soldiers Green where Cutler Road cuts through; new planting and arrangements must be made.

The Patton Tank was painted by the 304th Armored Group under the command of Col. C. L. Caraganis of Hamilton.

The planting at the Manasseh Cutler School was partly completed by the Garden Club, and a tree was also planted by the Hamilton-Wenham Grange.

We wish to thank all Departments for their cooperation we received during the year.

RAY M. SANFORD
ALBERT P. LOUGEE
PHILIP C. HOPKINS

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:

As Building Inspector, appointed by you, I herewith wish to submit my report for the year 1955, in accordance with the Protective By-Law of the Town of Hamilton.

I have issued one hundred sixty-five (165) permits as follows:

New Dwellings	122	
Garages	17	
Additions	20	
Tool House	1	
Stable	1	
Bath House	1	
Poultry House	1	
Mercantile Building	1	
Storage Barn	1	(Total 165)

I sincerely appreciate the cooperation of the applicants and wish to thank all those who have assisted me with my duties.

Respectfully yours,

FRANK W. BUZZELL,
Building Inspector.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Cemetery Commissioners submit herewith their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Twenty-nine interments were cared for by the Superintendent.

Eight Perpetual Care Endowments were received.

Because of the drought this past summer we were unable to complete the building of the four grave lots, we hope to finish by the fall of this year.

The cooperation we have received from all the Town departments is greatly appreciated.

We thank our Superintendent, Philip S. Plummer who has performed his duties so conscientiously.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE
JOHN T. WALLE
LAWRENCE C. FOSTER

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

I herewith submit my report of the Highway Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Necessary patching and maintenance work was carried on throughout the year. New drains and catch basins were added to our present system and all others were kept in order by periodical cleaning.

The sidewalk program was carried on this year, beginning on Highland Street between Asbury and Linden Streets and should be continued the coming year. Progress was continued on draining, grading, and oiling gravel roads.

Sanding is becoming more of a problem each year, more sand being demanded and in order to carry this out, consideration must be given to the purchasing of modern sanding equipment.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Hamilton and all town officials and departments, also the highway employees that have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. POOLE,

Highway Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

During the year 1955 ten petitions or appeals were filed with the Board of Appeals seeking relief from various provisions of the Protective (Zoning) By-Law. Of these, public hearings were held on nine within the year and written decisions have been filed in the office of the Town Clerk as required by law. The tenth was disposed of soon after the close of the year. Indications are that the Board may expect approximately the same volume in 1956.

In addition to these public hearings, the members of the Board met informally when necessary in order to prepare for certain of the hearings and to consider decisions. On two occasions the members met with representatives of local institutions to consider the effect of the By-Law upon proposed uses for their property. Two members attended a session of the Planning and Zoning Conference held in Salem under the auspices of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce.

Two of the nine cases decided in 1955 were requests for special permits authorized by the By-Law. Permits were granted for a conversion to a two-family house and for a small gravel pit in a remote location. Two requests for variances, both involving minor encroachments upon the ten foot lot line setback provision, were granted, each on the special circumstances of the case. The other five variance cases were lots of insufficient area or frontage, or both. Four of these were denied by the Board and one, where the result should be to improve the neighborhood, was granted upon conditions requiring a special setback in addition to that required by the By-Law.

Persons who may submit petitions or appeals can assist the Board and usually expedite a hearing if they will submit in the beginning a rough sketch of the property, indicating the size and location of the land and all buildings, existing or proposed, and also showing the approximate location of all properties adjoining or opposite on the street, with names and addresses of owners or occupants. This should include nearby property not actually adjoining, if for nearness or other reasons the owners might reasonably have a special interest in the matter. All matters should be brought up in the names of the legal owners, even if a sale or lease is intended, since decisions affect the land or buildings and the benefit or burden of any decision will ordinarily pass to later owners.

We gratefully acknowledge the cooperation of the Town Counsel, the Assessors, the Collector of Taxes and the Town Clerk in furnishing advice and information as needed. Credit is also due the Building Inspector for his advice and attendance at hearings and to the Secretary of the Town Clerk for valued clerical assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. BECKETT

ELMER H. SMITH

JOHN F. NEARY

Board of Appeals.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

During the past year the Trustees of your library accepted with genuine regret the resignation of Mrs. Alvin L. Perley, Hamilton's Assistant Librarian for well over thirty years. Over this long period Mrs. Perley has seen the town's library develop steadily in facilities and service, and she has been an integral part of that growth. Moreover, her kindly, gracious manner, her unflinching good humor and her unstinting devotion to duty have won her the affection and respect of all Hamiltonians, both young and old. The Trustees join with the citizens of the town in wishing her many years of happiness in retirement, and in expressing deep gratitude for her years of conscientious service. Mrs. Richard L. Wiggin has been permanently appointed to succeed Mrs. Perley as Assistant Librarian, and has been capably handling her new duties at the Branch Library for several months.

1955, television and other distracting influences to the contrary, has been a banner year for Hamilton's library. Under the highly professional guidance of our Librarian, Mrs. Fred H. Brown the biggest increase in over-all circulation in library history (30% at the Main Library) has been achieved. Mrs. Brown has evidenced wisdom in book selection and has been generous with her time and counsel in serving the public. In addition, with Mrs. Wiggin's assistance, and that of the public-spirited friends of the Library, Mrs. Brown has made steady progress in re-cataloguing of books and their arrangement for reader reference. Again the Trustees take occasion to thank the voluntary, unpaid friends of the Library for the vital work they have been doing. Not only have they faithfully assisted in the library, but during 1955 they have circulated in the schools, at considerable physical effort, hundreds of books for purposes of supplementary reading. In addition to the helpers mentioned in the Librarian's own report, others whom the Trustees wish to thank are Mrs. Richard C. Taylor, Mrs. Leonard J. Franson, Mrs. Wayne Shafer and Mrs. Leonard R. Heurlin.

The doubt raised in the 1954 report as to our continuance in the present quarters of the Branch Library in South Hamilton has been satisfactorily resolved for the immediate future. The addition of central heating and removal of obsolete heating equipment have been gratifying developments for those who use the Branch Library. In this connection the Trustees reiterate their fervent annual hope that the time is not too far distant when Hamilton's library facilities may be efficiently gathered under one roof. With the steady population growth of the town, and the increasing use of the library, it is apparent that additional library hours may soon become necessary. An adequate, single-unit library should have a place in all future planning for Hamilton.

In conclusion, the Trustees wish to state how much they appreciate the co-operation and fine work of our librarians, and to re-affirm how greatly the town is indebted to the friends of the Library for their constructive and purely voluntary efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. NEARY, *Chairman*

SARAH H. TRUSSELL

MELVIN F. REID

Library Trustees.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

The Librarian herewith presents her report for the year 1955.

Circulation, which reached a total of 15909 books and periodicals, was distributed as follows:

		<i>Main Library</i>	<i>Branch Library</i>	<i>Schools</i>
Adult	Fiction	2403	2714	
"	Non-fiction	1058	277	
"	Periodicals	985	515	
"	Total	4466	3506	
Juv.	Fiction	2681	1725	
"	Non-fiction	800	333	
"	Periodicals	60	0	
"	Total	3541	2058	
	Total	7987	5564	2357

Books added, including gifts and purchases, totaled 452, as follows:

		<i>Main Library</i>	<i>Branch Library</i>	
Adult	Fiction	96	65	
"	Non-fiction	52	20	
"	Total	148	85	
Juv.	Fiction	102	45	
"	Non-fiction	36	36	
"	Total	138	166	
	Total	286	166	

Fines collected:

Main Library	\$ 38.72
Branch	40.51
Total	79.23

The report from the Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Richard Wiggin, mentions a healthy increase in the number of patrons of the branch library. One Hundred four new cards were issued during the last four months of the year.

With the thirty per cent increase in circulation at the Main Library, the Librarian has reason to be grateful indeed to those Friends of the Library whose assistance has been so constant and efficient: Mrs. John Neary, Mrs. Halsey De-Wolfe Howe, Mrs. Frank Pulsifer, and Mrs. Thomas Britton.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE BROWN,

Librarian.

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Civil Defense Agency has continued during the year in a stand-by capacity.

Present plans of the State Agency call for the opening of a Training Center and Sector Headquarters at the Bradley Palmer State Park in Topsfield.

Pamphlets on various phases of civil defense will be distributed to townspeople as they become available.

Hamilton is now in Sectio IG with Lt. Col. Louis P. Berwick as the Sector Director.

The Auxiliary Police Unit continues active and is making regular use of the rifle range provided by Mr. Donald Cutler, Jr.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Civil Defense Organization and to all others who have assisted the local Agency during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVIN F. REID,

Civil Defense Director.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Assessors submit herewith their annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 1955.

COMPARATIVE VALUATION FIGURES (for the past four years)

	1952	1953	1954	1955
Total Valuation	\$6,903,155.	\$7,377,925.	\$8,014,920.	\$8,390,985.
Increase over previous year	297,570.	474,770.	636,995.	376,065.
Number of Dwellings	1,156	1,231	1,351	1,403
Number of Polls Assesed	1,023	1,085	1,178	1,284

It will be noted that the assessed valuation of the town is growing but as predicted in our 1954 report the increase for the year 1955 did not maintain the average increase of the three previous years. This is no doubt due to the fact that there is not available at the present time any considerable amount of acceptable land for home development. Should this condition continue the value of new property will drop increasingly in future years.

DETAIL OF ASSESSMENT

Value of Buildings	\$ 6,236,850.00	
Value of Land	1,525,735.00	
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Total Value of Real Estate	\$7,762,585.00	
Value of Personal Estate	628,400.00	
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Total Valuation.		\$8,390,985.00
Tax Rate \$42.00 per Thousand		
Tax on Real Estate	\$ 326,028.57	
Tax on Personal Estate	26,392.80	
Tax on Polls 1,284 at \$2.	2,568.00	
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Total Taxes Assessed		\$ 354,989.37

1955 RECAPITULATION

EXPENDITURES

Appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$ 529,890.60
State Tax and Assessments:	
State Parks and Reservations	746.72
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	468.78
County Tax and Assessments:	
County Tax	18,375.00
Tuberculosis Hospital	7,718.12
Hurricane Expenditures	12,174.43
Overlay for the current year 1955	11,223.28
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Gross amount to be raised	\$ 580,596.93

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Veteran's Benefits	\$ 600.00
Income Tax	39,339.16
Corporation Tax	21,594.34
Reimbursements a/c Publicly owned land	6,020.95
Old Age Tax (meals)	973.04
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax	39,200.00
Licenses	1,500.00
Special Assessments (moth)	900.40
Protection of Persons and Property	100.00
Health and Sanitation	400.00
Charities (other than Federal Grants for dependent children)	3,000.00
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants)	15,000.00
Schools	8,000.00
Public Services Enterprises (water)	29,000.00
Cemetery	1,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	300.00
State Assistance for School Construction	8,574.39
Over Estimates of previous year	
County Tax	144.96
Tuberculosis Hospital	3.32
Hurricane Expenditures Reimbursed	10,957.00
Amount Taken from available funds	39,000.00
Tax Receipts from 1955 Assessments	354,989.37
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Gross Receipts \$ 580,596.93

LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

Horses and Ponies	109
Cows (milch)	160
Bulls-Oxen-Heifers	162
Sheep	55
Fowl	850

NUMBER OF PERSONS AND CORPORATIONS ASSESSED

Real Estate only	1,264
Personal Estate only	56
Real and Personal Estate	270

LAND AND BUILDINGS ASSESSED

Acres of Land	6,673
Dwellings	1,403

We will be pleased to meet, by appointment, any tax payer who may wish to confer with this board relative to the assessment on their property, and further emphasize that our records are available for inspection to any citizen of the town who may wish information relative to assessments or the operation of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. CHITTICK

ELMO O. ADAMS

ARTHUR L. BENNETT

Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF THE DENTAL CLINIC

To the members of the Hamilton Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN :

I herewith submit my report of the Dental Clinic for the year of 1955.

Amalgam fillings	481
Cement fillings	71
Temporary fillings	18
Cement linings	26
Extractions	
Temporary	14
Permanent	6
Fluorine treatments	8
X-rays	11
Novocain injections	27
Root treatments	3
Examinations	3

Eighty-five certificates were sent to the school during the year. I wish that many more children might have had all their work completed but in the allotted time that is impossible. Altogether 670 children visited my office. Many of these were duplications, some of the children coming as many as eight or more times.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN KING, D.M.D.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 35, of the General Laws, I submit my annual report of the Treasury Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1955.

TREASURER'S CASH

Receipts	\$869,138.68	
Payments	624,423.79	
	<hr/>	\$244,714.89
Merchants National	\$5,366.65	
Day Trust	2,107.68	
Beverly Trust	232,395.20	
Cash	4,845.36	
	<hr/>	\$244,714.89

I wish to take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to not only the town officials, but also the many persons who have assisted me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALFRED B. SELLMAN

Town Treasurer

1955

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

In Account with the Town of Hamilton

Year	Tax	Outstanding Jan 1, 1955	Refunds	Abate- ments Rescinded	Collected	Abate- ments	Trans- ferred to Tax Title	Un- collected
1954	Real Estate	\$8,857 26	\$197 40		\$8,823 66	\$205 80	\$25 20	None
1954	Personal Property	1,143 04	105 00		876 34	371 70		None
1954	Motor Excise	3,647 33						
1954	M. Ex. Commitments 1955	837 10	174 61	7 56	3,334 93	1,251 94		\$79 73
			<i>1955 Commitments</i>					
1955	Real Estate	326,028 57	1,422 30		307,890 92	8,213 10	92 40	11,254 45
1955	Personal Property	26,392 80			25,292 40	300 30		800 10
1955	Moth	900 40			894 90			5 50
1955	Polls	2,568 00	6 00	2 00	2,202 00	374 00		None
1955	Motor Excise	52,945 07	2,154 48		49,585 07	5,156 10		358 38
1955	Water Rates Balance	2,908 30					Liens	
1955	Water Rates Commitments	34,066 40	79 00		32,358 29	295 90	147 80	4,251 71
1955	Water Rates Services Bal.	174 00						
1955	W. Services Commitments	1,998 63	5 00		2,010 58			167 05
1955	Water Liens	147 80						
	Water Lien Charges	5 00			152 80			None
1955	Cemetery Balance	159 50						
1955	Cemetery Commitments	522 00	3 00		501 00	92 50		91 00

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. CROWELL, Town Collector.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Engineers of the Fire Department herewith submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The Department responded to 71 alarms during the year.

The amount of hose laid: $\frac{3}{4}$ " — 9600 feet; $1\frac{1}{2}$ " — 2100 feet; $2\frac{1}{2}$ " — 2700 feet.

The amount of water pumped from booster tanks was 11750 feet.

A F. 750 Model Ford with 500 gallons booster tank and 50 foot power Aerial Ladder was purchased this year. It has proved invaluable to the Department for ventilating chimney fires and grass fires.

		<i>Dist.</i>			
	<i>Date</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Nature</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Owner</i>
Jan.	7	3-3-3	House,	Pleasant Street	
	6	2	Inhalator		
	10	23	Grass,	Bay Road, W. P. Moran	
	10		Inhalator		
	12		Inhalator		
	17	21	Grass,	Tally Ho Road, Omer Poirier	
	18	13	Grass,	Essex Street, Morley Piper	
	20	21	Truck,	Willow Street, Welch & Lamson, Inc.	
	27	21	House,	Bay Road, Morris Winer	
	28	16	Grass,	Essex Street, Helen Frick	
	29	14	Dump,	Off Sagamore Street, Harlan Clock	
Feb.	2	3-3-3	Ice House,	Ipswich	
	15	23	Oil Burner,	Bay Road, Walfred Sellman	
Mar.	19	24	Grass,	Gardner Street, Donald Greeley	
	28	32	Grass,	Winthrop Street, F. H. Winthrop	
	28	14	Grass,	Sagamore Street, Hugh McDonald	
	28	12	Grass,	Woodbury Street, Town of Hamilton	
	28	16	House,	Woodbury Street, Helen Frick	
	30	31	Grass, & Brush,	Topsfield Road, Richard Gates	
Apr.	1	25	Grass,	Cutler Road, R. H. Smith	
	1	14	Grass & Brush,	Off Bridge Street, Mrs. B. P. Cutler	
	1	14	Grass & Brush,	Off Sagamore Street, Augustus Means	
	2	31	Grass & Brush,	Asbury Street, Gordon Love	
	2	24	Grass & Brush,	Bay Road, Oliver Wolcott	
	3	14	Wash Gasoline from Road,	Essex St. Town of Hamilton	
	9	21	Grass,	Off Asbury Street, Lawrence Stone	
	9	34	Grass,	Highland Street, Town of Hamilton	
	10	3-3-3	Grass,	Larch Row, Wenham	
	10	24	Grass,	Gardner Street, W. W. Hendrix	
	11	21	Grass,	Walnut Road, Dr. Henry Larchez	
	13	21	Grass & Brush,	Off Maple Street, B & M R. R. Standish Bradford	

	22	21	Auto, Willow Street, John Back
	25	21	Switch Box, Chestnut Street, Earl MacCarthy
	29	21	Rubbish, Railroad Avenue, First National Stores
May	5	31	Chimney, Asbury Street, George Perkins
	12	24	House, Moulton Street, Ralph Berry
	14	31	Oil Burner, Arthur Avenue, W. F. Bullerwell
	23	21	Dump, Oak Street, Omer Poirier
	27	31	Rug, Asbury Street, G. W. Caley
	29	21	Auto, Cottage Street
June	3	16	Chimney, Off Myles River Rd., T. E. Proctor
	10	25	Brush, Cutler Road, Harvard College
	11	25	Brush, Cutler Road, Harvard College
	11	25	Brush, Cutler Road, Harvard College
July	14	25	Oil Burner, Cutler Road, W. F. McKenzie
	14	14	Oil Burner, Bridge Street, E. W. Henderson
	21	21	Inhalator
	26	31	Fat on stove, Asbury Street, Louis Foote
	28	23	Auto
	30	13	Grass & Brush, Essex Street, H. A. Tremblay
Aug.	3	16	Grass & Brush, Essex Street, Frank O'Hara
	5	23	Grass & Brush, Bay Road, Henry Connolly
	9	23	Grass & Brush, Off Bay Road, Myopia Hunt Club
	10	23	Grass & Brush, Meyer Road, H. K. Dudley
	19	23	Tree Burned, Bay Road, Town of Hamilton
	31	16	Building, Off Woodbury Street, Carmelite Junior Seminary
Sept.	19	23	Remove body from tree, Off Bay Road, C. C. Felton
	22	31	Remove cat from tree, Asbury Grove Camp
	24	21	Inhalator
Oct.	11	21	Garage, Rust Street, H. N. Weldon
	19	21	Gas Leak, Lois Street, Althine Low
Nov.	14	21	Inhalator
	18	21	Brush, Railroad Avenue, Town of Hamilton
	29	32	Chimney, Highland Street, G. S. Lawrence
Dec.	1	31	Chimney, Asbury Street, R. C. Miller
	10	23	Grass, Bay Road, Estate of Donald Trussell
	11	24	Motor, Sagamore Street, H. C. Hatfield
	11	24	Grass, Sagamore Farm Road, C. L. Caraganis
	12	16	Chimney, Off Myles River Road, F. F. Pierson
	15	14	Brush, Bridge Street, Town of Hamilton
	16	21	Grass, Maple Street, John Quinn, Jr.

We express our appreciation to all departments and to others who may have assisted the Fire Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS, *Chief*
 RUDOLPH H. HARADEN
 RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE

Fire Engineers

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report of the activities of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Total Arrests	45		
Male	41	Female	4

CLASSIFICATION OF CRIMES

Assault	1	Attempted bribe of Police Officer	1
Drunkenness	15	School Problem	0
Larceny	4	Breaking and Entering	1
Lewd and Lascivious	1	Abuse of Female Child	0
Vagrancy	0	Operating without license	1
Setting grass fire	1	Operating under influence	9
Idle and Disorderly Conduct	0	Driving to endanger	3
Stolen Car	1	Stop sign	0
Disturbing the Peace	0	Neglect to minor children	0
Booking Horses	1	Buying liquor for minors	1
Runaways	4		

DISPOSITION OF CASES

Fined	25	Probation	5
Sentenced	5	Released (Drunk)	10

SUMMONS SERVED

For local department	11	For out of town police	38
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AUTOMOBILE REGULATIONS

Licenses revoked by Registrar	27
Registrations revoked by Registrar	9
Automobile transfers	345

MISCELLANEOUS

Stolen cars recovered	6
Ambulance runs to hospitals and physicians	106
Dangerous wires reported	27
Street lights reported out	91
Street obstructions reported	18
Accidents investigated	29
Assistance to out of town police	82

I again express my appreciation to the Beverly Police Department for its continued cooperation in handling calls for our two-way cruiser radio. The local Telephone Operators have continued their splendid cooperation and service far beyond the scope of their duty which is greatly appreciated. I extend my appreciation to all townspeople and others who have assisted this Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD FREDERICK,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton:

We herewith submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The year marked a new policy of the Town in regard to the collection of garbage. Due to the fact that we were unable in a growing community, to do a satisfactory job, thru a private contractor, the Town purchased a new truck for this purpose and since January 21, 1955, the householders have been pleased with the new plan.

A new chassis was purchased for the Rubbish Collection and this has also worked out very well.

In regard to the Rubbish Collection, as the same crew also collect the Garbage it was necessary to divide the Town into two districts.

One district embraces all of Cutler Road and all streets lying on the westerly side of the railroad tracks. The other district embraces all streets on the easterly side of the railroad tracks.

As a reminder, the western side of the Town will be picked up the week of Monday, March 5th and every other week thereafter.

The eastern side of the Town will be picked up the week of Monday, March 12, and every other week thereafter.

Again we ask your co-operation in keeping the Garbage free of Glass, Tin Cans, Etc.

The Dental Clinic has continued to be conducted by Dr. John King, assisted by Miss Florence Stobbart, School Nurse. Due to the increased school population, attendance at the Clinic was restricted to children in the first three grades of school. Dr. King's report of the activities of the Dental Clinic may be found elsewhere in the town report.

The following is a list of communicable diseases reported during the year:

Scarlet Fever	10	Hepatitis	2
Tuberculosis	4	Infectious Lepahilis	1
Salmonella	2	Meningitis Influenza	2
Measles	74	Para-Typhoid	2
German Measles	13	Dysentery Bacillary	1
Chicken Pox	18	Sonne-dysentery	1
Whooping Cough	1	Paralytic Poliomyelitis	4
Mumps	13	Non-Paralytic Poliomyelitis	4
Dog Bite	8		

The Board expresses its appreciation to Charles F. Poole, Highway Surveyor, for his excellent cooperation at all times, especially his supervision and loaning of men and equipment for rubbish collection. Appreciation is extended to all who have assisted the Board in any way during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT F. HALEY
LAWRENCE LAMSON
LAWRENCE R. STONE

Board of Health

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

We submit herewith a report of the Welfare Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The administration of General Relief, Disability Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance in this community is the responsibility of this Board. Expenditures in 1955 for the combined categories showed a decrease of a little more than \$4,000.

General Relief expenditures showed an increase of \$1,400. over last year due to more persons requiring temporary assistance due to unemployment, and the cost of medical needs.

Disability Assistance expenditures showed an increase of \$1700., primarily due to the cost of medical needs. For the same reason, Aid to Dependent Children expenditures increased approximately \$450.

Old Age Assistance payments decreased approximately \$8,000. due to a lesser number of persons receiving assistance than last year.

The continued increase in medical cost is very noticeable.

The following figures show the expenditures during 1955, the amount of reimbursements received during the year, and the net cost to the town for each category of assistance.

GENERAL RELIEF

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Reimbursements</i>	
By Town	\$4,529.73	State of Mass.....	\$128.70
		Town and Cities	911.40
		Individuals	2,057.00
		Net Cost to Town	1,432.63
	\$4,529.73		\$4,529.73

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Reimbursements</i>	
By Town	\$5,275.92	Federal Government ..	\$1,258.34
		State of Mass.	2,528.39
		Net Cost to Town	1,489.19
	\$5,275.92		\$5,275.92

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Reimbursements</i>	
By Town	\$6,065.82	Federal Government ..	\$2,657.80
		State of Mass.	1,819.54
		Net Cost to Town	1,588.48
	\$6,065.82		\$6,065.82

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Reimbursements</i>	
By Town	\$39,879.35	Federal Government ..	\$18,832.63
		State of Mass.	15,857.73
		Individuals	100.05
		Net Cost to Town	5,088.94
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$39,879.35		\$39,879.35

We extend our appreciation to all who have assisted us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE R. STONE
EVERETT F. HALEY
LAWRENCE LAMSON

Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

I herewith submit a report of the Tree and Moth Departments for the year 1955.

The work of supressing the various bugs and diseases that attack shade trees has been carried on by spraying and trimming out dead wood.

Special attention was given our elm trees last year. All Elm trees were sprayed three times for the Elm Bark Beetle, the carrier of the Dutch Elm Disease.

We had 18 Elm trees with Dutch Elm Disease last year. They were cut down and burned as required by law.

Brush and undergrowth have been cut along the sides of various streets.

I wish to thank the Highway Department for their valuable assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN,
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE HAMILTON SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE FOR 1955

A BIT OF HISTORY

One year ago at a special town meeting, the townspeople acting upon the recommendations of The School Building Needs Committee, authorized the construction of a two-room addition to the Manasseh Cutler School.

As you will remember, this unit was offered to the town free of cost for a trial period of up to six months. The New England Development Corporation, Stoner Associates and The A. O. Wilson Structural Steel Corporation produced the two-classroom addition to the Cutler School and the rooms were occupied by Hamilton second and third graders at the opening of school in September of this year.

During the past several months the school children, teachers, the School Committee and Superintendent, The Building Needs Committee, the builders themselves, and hoards of visitors have tried out the new rooms. The Hamilton School Committee, charged with responsibility for a recommendation concerning the new unit, is now ready to report to the townspeople.

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

The School Committee recommends to the town that it accept the two-room experimental addition to the Manasseh Cutler School, erected by the New England Development Corporation, which has been used by the Public Schools since the opening of school this fall on a trial basis, as was stipulated in a vote of the town at a special town meeting a year ago.

The School Committee feels that we have tested the rooms for a sufficient length of time, and that they have proved satisfactory. We have found the building to be utilitarian, easy to maintain, completely adequate in regard to heat, light and ventilation. It is well constructed, nicely furnished and landscaped; in short, we feel the town would be receiving good value by purchasing the building at a total cost of \$45,000 which is considerably below the cost of so-called conventional construction.

If the town votes this sum for the purchase of the addition, the money would come from the Excess and Deficiency Fund, and not from direct taxation or a bond issue. Since the Excess and Deficiency Fund is comprised of monies accumulated in various ways over a period of years, and is therefore already in the town's treasury, the purchase of this addition would not result in an increase in the tax rate.

The \$45,000 figure would be net to the town. The town is not entitled to state aid on the initial two rooms of the Manasseh Cutler School addition, because of the rather unique procedure that we had to follow in this experiment. Since we were not buying the building in the beginning, but only having it erected on a trial basis, we could not have sought competitive bids

and, after several discussions with state authorities, it was the opinion of the State School Building Assistance Commission's director, Mr. John R. Marshall, that the town could not comply with the law under which the state aid set-up operates. We should like to make clear that this does not reflect upon the quality or type of construction of this unit. It has nothing whatever to do with the construction, but only with legal machinery. As a matter of fact, we have been given to understand that the state authorities rather like the building.

You will recall that we notified the town previously that we would seek one more unit of two rooms, should the first two rooms prove satisfactory, as the first step of a new plan to solve Hamilton's school housing problems. We fully expect to receive state aid on the next unit of two, because we now know that the construction is satisfactory, and will need no trial period, and we will establish the machinery necessary to deal with the state in seeking this financial assistance, which would probably amount to about 28% of the total cost.

HAMILTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Morley L. Piper, *Chairman*

THE NEXT STEPS

With the new unit occupied and found to be satisfactory, The Building Needs Committee proceeded to an investigation of the next steps in the total school housing plan.

PROJECTED ENROLLMENTS AND SPACE NEEDS

During the past year our enrollment projections have been restudied and we have found them to be essentially the same as has been previously reported to the town. Our room needs are concentrated at the elementary level at this time and the following table may help to emphasize our continuing problem.

ENROLLMENT AND ROOM REQUIREMENTS KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE VI

YEAR	Grades														Total	
	K		1		2		3		4		5		6			
	No. Rooms	No. Rooms	No. Rooms	No. Rooms	No. Rooms	No. Rooms	No. Rooms	No. Rooms	No. Rooms	No. Rooms	No. Rooms	No. Rooms	No. Rooms			
1955-56*	84	2	111	4	113	4	95	3	92	3	55	2	57	2	607	20
1956-57	90	2	100	4	100	4	110	4	93	3	90	3	53	2	636	22
1957-58	95	2	100	4	100	4	100	4	105	4	90	3	90	3	680	24
1958-59	95	2	100	4	100	4	100	4	100	4	105	4	90	3	690	25
1959-60	95	2	100	4	100	4	100	4	100	4	100	4	105	4	700	26

*Actual Enrollment — other years are estimated

Besides the regular classroom requirements shown in the table above, there is need for one room to be used by a remedial teacher and one room to be used by a special class teacher. Thus it may be seen that our known room needs are 28 classrooms by 1959-60 at the elementary school level. It must be remembered that this need is based on present known enrollment with almost no consideration given to potential growth in the town.

Including the new addition, the present Manasseh Cutler School has sixteen classrooms. Elsewhere in this report The Building Needs Committee has recommended that another unit of two rooms be added to the school, making a total of 18 rooms available by September 1956.

Along with four rooms which are temporarily available in the high school building, the elementary school children are still being housed, but it is obvious that more rooms are necessary in the immediate future.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS

The School Building Needs Committee, after careful consideration of all the factors involved, believes that the experimental unit of two rooms added to the Mannasseh Cutler School has proved to be advantageous to the town. The complete cost of \$45,000 is low by comparison with other rooms which have been added to other schools in our area. As long as it was possible to add to the present Cutler School, these units could be paid for with current funds thus making it unnecessary to use more costly methods of financing. The flexibility inherent in building rooms as needed offered an opportunity for the town to build-as-you-grow for a space of time during which the long range school building needs could be more accurately determined.

The School Building Needs Committee is very much aware of these advantages and others which are potential in the plan. The Committee feels that the town has pioneered through the original two-room unit, in an effort to secure for itself and other towns the advantages of good low-cost school housing. As in all new-type buildings, unforeseen delays occurred during construction. Changes were made as a result of experience gained and details were altered to improve the serviceability of the unit. The Committee is satisfied that the town has had the use of an even better building than was conceived in the planning stages.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

It is the unanimous recommendation of the School Building Needs Committee:

1. That the Town follow the recommendation of the School Committee and purchase the two-room unit which has been added to the Manasseh Cutler School.
2. That the Town authorize the present School Building Needs Committee to serve as a Building Committee for the purpose of causing specifications, plans and estimates to be prepared for a second two-room unit to be added to the present addition to the Manasseh Cutler School.

Explanation: The School Building Needs Committee is making this recommendation so that, if voted by the Town, a Building Committee will be formed which can then deal legally with the State Building Assistance Commission for the purpose of applying for state aid on the second unit of two rooms. The Building Committee would present plans, specifications and estimates to the Commission for consideration as an

approved project by the Commission. When the project is approved the Building Committee would ask the Town for an appropriation not to exceed \$45,000 for the purpose of building the unit. Authorized competitive bidding procedures would be followed and the contract let to the successful bidder. By following this procedure, and with the help of Stoner Associates, the architects, the Town should receive state aid amounting to approximately 28% of the approved cost of the project.

3. That this Committee continue its study of the school building needs and report on or before the next annual town meeting.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Articles which include the Committee recommendations have been prepared for the warrant for a special town meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 14, 1955 at 8:00 p.m. at the Hamilton High School. Every interested citizen is urged to come to this meeting to vote on the vital school issues which will be presented.

BY WAY OF SUMMARY

The members of the School Building Committee are grateful for the opportunity which has been theirs to study the expanding needs of the Hamilton Public Schools. The Committee has been dedicated to the task of recommending constructive steps in a building program within the framework of the Town's ability to pay for an adequate school plant.

It is evident, with a growing population, that the work of this Committee is a continuing one. Following whatever action is taken at the special town meeting on December 14, the Committee will continue its study in order to present the next phase of the total plan which will probably indicate the need for another elementary school.

In this report of progress the Committee wishes to point out again that today's space needs at the elementary level foretell a probable need at the secondary level. We would assure the townspeople that the work of the Committee involves study of the total school space issue and that our recommendations are always based upon taking present steps that will be an integral part of the whole plan.

HAMILTON SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

ALLAN MACCURRACH, *Chairman*

FREDERICK CALDWELL

DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER

GEORGE C. CUTLER

HENRY J. GOURDEAU

GRACE B. LAMSON

JOHN F. NEARY

MORLEY L. PIPER

JOSEPH C. QUINN (Resigned)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE NEED OF A BUILDING FOR THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

To the citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

Soon after appointment by the moderator under Article 19 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1955, this Committee met and organized.

Several meetings of this committee were held during the year as well as meetings with other boards to discuss the problems. After a great deal of study the following decisions were reached:—

1. The present quarters of the Fire Department are most inadequate and unsafe as to size and construction. The location is not suitable for any possible expansion or new construction.

2. The present Police Station which is located in an upstairs room in Depot Square is crowded and inefficient. The Cruiser-Ambulance must be left outside exposed to the elements at all times.

Therefore, it is the sentiment of this Committee that a definite need does exist for a new building to serve as quarters for the Fire and Police Departments. It is also felt that such a building could be planned so as to serve as a central Public Library, a move which has the support of the Library Trustees. This Committee recommends:

1. That if the Lamson School is to be demolished that the site be retained by the Town as a future site for a building as mentioned above.

2. That this report be accepted as a report of progress and that the committee be continued for the purpose of further investigation and a definite recommendation in the future.

We wish at this time to thank all other Town Officials and citizens that have cooperated with us this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE LAMSON, *Chairman*
EDWARD FREDERICK
A. MERRILL CUMMINGS
G. GORDON LOVE
HENRY GOURDEAU

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

We submit herewith our report of the Board of Selectmen for the year 1955.

That portion of Linden Street, extending from Lois Street to Highland is being constructed under the Chapter 90 program. It had been planned to start operations in August but owing to the hurricane during that month the State Dept. of Public Works held up asking for bids because most contractors had their equipment tied up on road work in the western part of the state. It wasn't until the latter part of September that the bids were called for and it was nearly the middle of October before the work was actually started. Some difficulties were experienced which took time to iron out. This slowed things down so that it wasn't until the first of December that the contractor was ready to put on the oil. The month of December proved cold and freezing so that the putting on of oil has had to be delayed until Spring. Another \$1000. will be needed to complete the job, of which the town will be asked to appropriate \$250. as its share of the cost. Under the Chapter 90 program for 1956, the Board is recommending the starting of Chebacco Road. The State Department of Public Works has set up \$20,000. to be spent there this year, of which the Town of Hamilton's share towards the cost will be \$4000. We are recommending that this \$4000. be appropriated as Chebacco Road provides a feeder road to Route #128 and will give Hamilton direct access to the bordering town of Manchester which at the present time it doesn't have. The Board has asked for Chapter 90 Maintenance of \$1500. The State will provide \$500. of this amount to be used for repair work on existing Chapter 90 Roads in Town.

The law provides that every five years the Selectmen shall preambulate the town bounds, this year this project was carried out with the Ipswich and Topsfield Boards, all the Boundary markers between Hamilton-Ipswich and Hamilton-Topsfield were found to be in place and in good condition.

As directed by vote under Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting alterations and repairs have been made in the Town Clerk's office. It now makes it much more convenient and pleasant for the Clerk and his staff to carry on the work of this busy department.

A favorable vote under Article 7 called for the purchase of a new Cruiser-Ambulance for the Police Department. The old Cruiser-Ambulance was turned in toward the purchase price. This transaction was effected by the Board and the purchase was made through the Ipswich Motors.

Article 9 called for the purchase of a new Fire Truck with a mechanical ladder attached to be added to the fire fighting equipment of the town. It's worth was more than demonstrated at the \$50,000 fire at Pilgrim Hall, Carmelite Seminary.

The Board of Selectmen under Article 10 arranged for the repair and shingling of the Adelaide Dodge Walsh School now used as headquarters of the A. P. Gardner Post of the American Legion. The Roof is now in excellent repair and should stand for some years to come.

The Annual meeting voted to accept the layout and relocation of a portion of Cutler Road at the entrance near the Congregational Church as made by the Board of Selectmen. Money was appropriated for the same and the work has been completed.

A request from the Chairman of the School Building Needs Committee, that the Board call a special Town Meeting to consider payment to the New England Development Corp., for a two-room unit already completed, was made. The Selectmen set up the meeting for December but failure of a quorum of 200 citizens being present at the call of the meeting forced a postponement until a later date.

The rapid growth of the town with its added new streets brings many requests for street lights and safety signs from every section. The year 1955 has been no exception. More have been added this year than in any previous year. During the year Mr. John H. Perkins submitted his resignation as Civil Defense Director. Mr. Perkins served the Town conscientiously in the capacity for several years, and it was with regret that his resignation was accepted. Melvin F. Reid has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth (Walke) Robins as clerk for various town departments.

We express our sincere appreciation to all townspeople and officials who have assisted us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE R. STONE
LAWRENCE LAMSON
EVERETT F. HALEY

Board of Selectmen.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

TOWN OF HAMILTON

by

Lawrence R. Stone, Everett F. Haley, Lawrence Lamson

Selectmen

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton are extremely fortunate in having in their midst BESSIE PRESTON CUTLER, one who has devoted her untiring efforts to the betterment of the community; and

Whereas, her many acts, deeds and kindnesses over the years have exemplified her heartfelt devotion for the youth; her sincere concern with the welfare of all; her genuine interest in the successful progress of all organizations, and of the community itself; and

Whereas, she has won the esteem of our citizens and brought honor to the town through other unselfish civic endeavors;

Now Therefore, we Lawrence R. Stone, Everett F. Haley and Lawrence Lamson, Selectmen of the Town of Hamilton, to express and record our sincere appreciation, and the deep indebtedness and whole-hearted gratitude of all the Inhabitants of the Town for her innumerable deeds of benevolence, do hereby proclaim as

BESSIE PRESTON CUTLER DAY

Sunday, June Twenty-sixth, Nineteen Hundred Fifty-five
and urge that suitable observance be conducted throughout the Town.

Given at the Executive Office of the Selectmen in
the Town Hall, Hamilton, Massachusetts, this
twentieth day of June, in the year of Our Lord
one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

Lawrence R. Stone

Lawrence Lamson

Everett F. Haley

Board of Selectmen

Francis H. Whipple

Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

1956

ESSEX, ss. *To the Constable of the Town of Hamilton:*

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton. qualified to vote in election and Town affairs, to meet in the HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM in said Town on Monday, the fifth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six (March 5, 1956) at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening (7:30 P.M.) then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

Article 1. To bring your ballots for:

- Moderator for one year.
- Town Clerk for one year.
- Three Selectmen for one year.
- Treasurer for one year.
- Tax Collector for one year.
- Assessor for three years.
- Tree Warden for one year.
- Highway Surveyor for one year.
- Member of the School Committee for three years.
- Library Trustee for three years.
- Water Commissioner for three years.
- Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
- Park Commissioner for three years.
- Member of the Planning Board for five years

The above named officers to be voted for on one ballot on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, 1956. (March 13, 1956) in the HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. The polls will be opened at 8:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Article 2. To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees and take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways, and all other Town Expenses and determine the manner of expending the same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Chebacco Road and Linden Street, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance of various streets in town, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to provide additional water supply and additional storage and distribution facilities, and in connection therewith to acquire real estate and interest therein by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise, to construct and originally equip with pump and equipment a pump house, to lay water mains, drive and construct wells and construct new or enlarge existing reservoirs, and for the foregoing purposes raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine the manner in which the appropriation is to be raised, whether by taxation or borrowing, by transfer of available funds or otherwise, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to construct, originally equip and furnish, a two-room addition to the present Manasseh Cutler School, to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the foregoing purposes and to determine the manner in which the appropriation is to be raised, whether by taxation or borrowing, by transfer of available funds or otherwise, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to receive and accept the Third Report of the School Building Needs Committee for the period from January 1956 to the present time as an interim report, to continue the Committee for the purpose of making further study and investigation concerning school housing needs, such Committee to render its report at a town meeting at or before the next annual town meeting, and that the sum of \$500. be raised and appropriated for this purpose, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to construct a parking area on a portion of the Engine House Lot, so-called, located at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Willow Street, the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Board of Selectmen, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for such purpose, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 670 of the Acts and Resolves of 1955, being an act "relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees", or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to sell for not less than \$2,000. all its right, title and interest in and to a parcel of land and the easements and rights appurtenant thereto and belonging to the Town taken in 1943 by the Town by eminent domain for the purpose of a public playground and recreational center and shown on a Plan of "Hamilton Park" dated August 26, 1886, on file at the office of the Town Clerk, and on a Plan entitled "Plan of Highland Park" dated September 3, 1887, recorded at Essex (South District) Registry of Deeds, Book 1201. Page 1, said property being described in said taking as beginning at the northeasterly corner of Grant Avenue and Arthur Avenue and running westerly one hundred and twenty feet to Roosevelt Avenue, thence turning and running southerly one hundred feet to a passageway from Roosevelt Avenue to Grant Avenue, thence turning and running easterly one hundred and twenty feet to Grant Avenue, thence turning and running northerly to Arthur Avenue one hundred feet to the point of beginning, and containing approximately twelve thousand (12,000) square feet, be all these measurements more or less, or take action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve the Board of Assessors to use available funds or "free cash" in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$10,000.00 in determining the tax rate for the year 1956, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 14. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to consider and investigate the use or disposition of the Jonathan Lamson School Building, to vote on what use or disposition shall be made of same, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Building Code By-Law in the form or substantially in the form on file with the Town Clerk, and copies of which are included with the Annual Town Report for 1955, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Wiring Code By-Law in the form or substantially in the form on file with the Town Clerk, and copies of which are included with the Annual Town Report for 1955, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to abandon and discontinue as a public town way a section of Cunningham Drive, such section being that portion of a circular road or turn around which lies northerly of a new northerly line of Cunningham Drive to be established as a semi-circle between stone bounds and shown on "Plan of Proposed Alteration, Cunningham Drive, Scale 1"—20 feet, Jan. 1956, Chas. H. Morse & Son., Eng'rs, Haverhill, Mass.", said section to be abandoned being cross-hatched on said plan, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way Day Avenue, so-called, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a Plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Acceptance Plan, Day Avenue, Hamilton, Mass., December 1955, Chas. H. Morse & Son, Engineers," or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way a certain way, shown as Fox Run Road, on a plan on file with the Planning Board entitled "Huntswood, Section A., Hamilton, Mass." as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on an Acceptance Plan on file with the Town Clerk, and that such way be named Elm Street, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way a section of Tally-Ho Drive, so called, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and Amendments thereto.

Article 23. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at each of the three Post Offices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of January, A.D., 1956.

LAWRENCE R. STONE
EVERETT F. HALEY
LAWRENCE LAMSON

Selectmen of Hamilton

A true copy, Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The cost of local government throughout the United States continues to rise, particularly in towns near large Metropolitan Areas. Besides the increasing cost of performing services, the two main reasons for the rise are the increasing population and the demands of that population for more services and better education for the young.

The Finance Committee believe that the proper function of government is to perform well those services that the people cannot do for themselves. The total cost of performance of these services naturally rises as people move into a community. While the assessed valuation of the community usually increases with its population growth, the tax receipts from that increase seldom rise at as fast a rate as the cost of services rendered to the newcomers. It follows that the lower the valuation of new construction, the higher the tax rate may be expected to rise. Consequently, those citizens of the town, who are concerned about the future of the town financially, (and aesthetically as well) should demand that steps be taken to preserve the rural character of the town and make possible the keeping of the tax rate at a reasonable level.

Hamilton, not unsurprisingly, is experiencing a constantly rising total cost of government and an increasing tax rate. The regular budget that the Finance Committee is recommending for 1956 is approximately \$46,000.00 more than that recommended for 1955. This year's total is \$546,000.00 compared to \$500,000.00 last year, in spite of \$8,500.00 reduction in Welfare and Benefits and \$2,000.00 reduction in Debt Retirement and Interest.

This increase is accounted for mainly as follows:

	1955	1956	<i>Increase</i>
1. Protection	\$25,600.	\$29,600.	\$4,000.
2. Garbage & Refuse Disposal	11,000.	13,400.	2,400.
3. Water Department	26,000.	31,000.	5,000.
4. Schools	200,000.	235,000.	35,000.
			\$46,400.

1. Of the \$4,000.00 increase in Protection, \$2,500.00 is for the Police Department to engage an extra man and so to have twenty-four hour protection for the Town.
2. Garbage and Refuse Disposal is up \$2,400.00 to enable the Health Department to hire more help; so that the garbage and refuse will be picked up regularly, carefully and on time.
3. The Water Department's budget is up \$5,000.00 to take care of extra installations and servicing an increasing number of users. This department runs on a paying basis, and so costs the Town nothing.

4. The School budget is up \$35,000.00 or 17%. The number of pupils are expected to increase 10%. The extra increase is due largely to teachers' salaries which must be kept high enough to be competitive if we are to attract and keep good teachers. The cost per pupil in 1955 was \$246. In 1956 it will be \$255.

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BUDGETS

	1954		1955		1956	
	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount
Education	37.4	175,703.24	41.2	203,747.02	43.7	239,797.00
Debt, Retirement and Interest	15.4	72,100.00	14.0	71,100.00	12.7	69,250.00
Welfare and Benefits	11.3	52,645.00	10.1	51,145.00	7.9	43,120.00
Highways	10.7	45,023.00	9.7	47,140.00	8.6	47,745.00
Public Service	6.6	31,250.00	6.0	30,060.00	6.6	36,210.00
General Government	6.1	30,015.75	6.2	31,233.84	6.8	37,232.65
Protection	4.9	23,140.00	5.1	25,642.00	5.5	29,645.00
Health	2.8	13,095.00	3.1	16,375.00	3.5	18,810.00
Unclassified	3.1	14,750.00	3.0	15,000.00	2.9	15,922.00
Recreation	1.7	7,875.00	1.6	8,775.00	1.7	9,145.00
Total						
Regular Budgets		465,596.99		500,217.86		546,876.65

ACTION ON SPECIAL ARTICLES 1956 WARRANT

ARTICLE 5: *Chapter 90 Highway Construction. (a) Linden Street. Cost to the Town, \$250.00 Recommended; (b) Chebacco Road. Cost to the Town, \$4,000.00. Not Recommended.*

The Finance Committee do not consider Chebacco Road to be necessary, particularly with the existence of Route 128, even though the town pays but twenty per cent of the construction under Chapter 90. The final cost to the town for the renovation of Chebacco Road will ultimately total more than \$12,000.00. Inasmuch as there are no citizens of the town living on Chebacco Road, and inasmuch as there are three other good roads to Manchester, the Finance Committee recommends that no money for this purpose be voted. Town funds can be better spent on roads serving more people. Had this road never existed, little consideration would be given to putting one through there now.

ARTICLE 6: *Chapter 90 Maintenance. Cost to the Town, \$1,500.00. Recommended.*

ARTICLE 7: *To provide additional water for the Town.*

The Town's need for water now and in the future cannot be met by existing facilities. Therefore, it is important that additional water be secured for the Town one way or another in the near future. In spite of

this pressing need for more water immediately, the Finance Committee feels that such an important step should not be taken hastily; but only after thorough investigation. At the time of writing these recommendations, no report had as yet been received from the engineers making the survey. The Finance Committee, therefore, recommend that the town do not vote to install any further facilities for water unless they are convinced that the water engineers have had ample time to make the study necessary for the best long-term interest of the town, and have done so.

ARTICLE 8: *Construction of two new Classrooms at Manasseh Cutler School. Cost to the Town, \$45,000.00. Recommended.*

These two new classrooms will be nearly exactly like the two rooms that were accepted at the Special Town Meeting of January 4, 1956. These two rooms have proved eminently satisfactory, and have the approval of the State Department of Education so that the town can expect about a 25% building allowance from the State for their construction.

ARTICLE 9: *To hear the report of the School Building Needs Committee and to continue it in existence. Cost to the Town, \$500.00. Recommended*

ARTICLE 10: *To provide off street parking on the Engine House Lot at the Corner of Railroad Avenue and Willow Street. Cost to the Town, \$200.00. Recommended.*

This should relieve the congestion on Railroad Avenue as it will allow parking for 15 cars.

ARTICLE 11: *To accept Chapter 670 of the Acts and Resolves of 1955, which increases the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees. Recommended.*

This will allow anyone from Hamilton who receives a pension to share in the increase voted by the legislature. The Town's share will be negligible.

ARTICLE 12: *To sell the "Park" off Grant Avenue for not less than \$2,000.00. Recommended.*

This 12,000 square feet is seldom used any more, and is unnecessary since the development of Patton Park. It is planned to sell through sealed bids; but only if the bid made is for \$2,000.00 or more.

ARTICLE 13: *Use of Free Cash in Determining Tax Rate. Recommended.*

This Article permits the Assessors to draw on the Excess & Deficiency Fund, \$10,000.00 for money to pay expenses of the 1956 budget in determining the tax rate.

ARTICLE 14: *Jonathan Lamson School Demolition. Cost to the Town, \$1,000.00. Recommended.*

The Educational Research Associates, the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee considered the old Jonathan Lamson School to be almost completely unsuitable for further use as a school building.

The cost of renovation and repairs to make this building even slightly satisfactory for school purposes will cost not less than \$140,000.00. This building has eight classrooms. Eight new classrooms of the type constructed last year in the Manasseh Cutler School will cost \$180,000.00. The Town may expect to receive 28% of the cost of new school construction. This will bring the cost of eight new classrooms down to the cost of remodeling the Lamson School.

For these two reasons the committee appointed to investigate the future of the Jonathan Lamson School have decided to recommend its demolition to the Town.

This committee also recommends that the Town retain title to the site until it can decide whether or not this would be a suitable place to erect a Municipal Building to house the Fire Department, the Park Department, the Library and perhaps some other offices.

ARTICLE 15: *To adopt a Building Code. Recommended.*

ARTICLE 16: *To adopt an Electrical Code. Recommended.*

ARTICLE 17: *To abandon semi-circle of Cunningham Drive. Recommended.*

This semi-circle is no longer necessary as a turn-around since the completion of Cunningham Drive.

ARTICLES 18, 19 and 20: *To accept certain streets.*

The Finance Committee recommends the acceptance of each of these streets, provided that they have met the by-laws and are acceptable to the Selectmen and the Planning Board after consultation with the Water Board and the Surveyor of Highways.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC WINTHROP, *Chairman*

JOHN C. GARLAND

LAWRENCE E. PELKEY

CLARK S. SEARS

CHARLES E. GRANT

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Expended 1954</i> * 5.3%	<i>Expended 1955</i> * 5.3%	<i>Recommended 1956</i> * 6.8% of total
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
1			Moderator
2	\$10.00	\$20.00	Finance and Advisory Committee: Expenses \$20.00
3	2,830.00	3,390.00	Selectmen: Salaries & Wages 3,390.00
4	2,215.23	2,427.80	Expenses 2,500.00
5	3,050.00	3,500.00	Town Accountant: Salaries and Wages 4,000.00
6	299.93	299.04	Expenses 300.00
7	1,500.00	1,600.00	Treasurer: Salaries and Wages 1,600.00
8	560.57	451.98	Expenses 475.00
9			New Check Writer 225.00
10	1,700.00	1,800.00	Tax Collector: Salaries and Wages 1,800.00
11	649.90	846.24	Expenses 850.00
12	2,227.70	2,399.95	Assessors: Salaries and Wages 2,500.00
13	413.01	454.96	Expenses 560.00
14	800.00	800.00	Law: Salaries and Wages 800.00
15	-----	-----	Expenses 200.00
16	1,000.00	1,000.00	Town Clerk: Salaries and Wages 1,000.00
17	349.55	299.67	Expenses 350.00
18	1,991.96	1,683.23	Election and Registrations: Expenses 2,500.00
19	2,750.00	2,900.00	Town Hall: Salaries and Wages 3,000.00
20	2,310.81	2,145.00	Expenses 2,500.00
21	500.00	-----	Equipment
22	200.00	848.11	Painting and Repairs 3,000.00
			Total General Government \$31,570.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY			
4.9% 5.1% 5.5% of total			
23	8,541.65	9,596.00	Police: Salaries and Wages 11,665.00
24	1,991.67	1,983.99	Expenses 2,900.00
25	2,237.80	2,657.36	Fire: Salaries and Wages 2,800.00
26	3,471.75	2,209.25	Expenses 2,500.00
27	230.00	230.00	Sealer of Weights & Measures: Salaries and Wages 230.00
28	98.08	93.20	Expenses 100.00
29	2,030.00	2,150.00	Moth—Town: Salaries of Supts. 2,150.00
30	860.16	1,368.96	Wages 1,370.00
31	480.92	489.55	Expenses 600.00
32	272.85	232.40	Moth—Private: Expenses 300.00

Item No.	Expended 1954	Expended 1955		Recommended 1956
33	1,170.00	1,250.00	Tree Warden:	
34	752.64	1,321.12	Salary of Supt.	1,410.00
35	382.50	490.64	Wages	2,080.00
			Pruning Elms	1,500.00
36	40.00	40.00	Forest Fire Warden:	
37	-----	109.25	Salary	40.00
			Civilian Defense	-----
Total Protection of Persons and Property				<u>\$29,645.00</u>
	2.8%	3.1%	HEALTH AND SANITATION	
			3.5% of total	
			Health:	
38	180.00	180.00	Salaries and Wages	180.00
39	1,043.40	2,376.43	Expenses	1,500.00
40	75.00	75.00	Milk Inspector	75.00
41	140.00	140.00	Animal Inspector—Salary	
			& Expenses	140.00
42	200.00	200.00	Dental Clinic—Salary of	
			Nurse	200.00
43	2,739.10	3,287.10	Dental Clinic—Expenses	3,300.00
			Sanitation: (Garbage and Refuse Disposal)	
44	7,416.53	11,064.92	Salaries and Wages	11,665.00
45	-----	-----	Expenses	1,750.00
Total Health and Sanitation				<u>\$18,810.00</u>
	10.7%	9.7%	HIGHWAYS—8.6% of total	
46	3,200.00	3,400.00	Salary of Surveyor	3,560.00
47	12,076.40	12,851.07	Wages	18,220.00
48	5,098.40	4,840.48	Expenses	6,445.00
49	-----	1,499.37	Chap. 90—Maintenance	(1,500.00)
50	6,948.67	5,789.98	Chap. 90—Construction	(250.00)
51	5,256.18	4,834.45	Snow Removal and Sanding	2,500.00
52	9,004.30	9,793.94	Street Lighting	10,300.00
53	1,652.98	1,903.15	Sidewalks	800.00
54	6,980.22	8,969.79	Gravel Roads	5,000.00
54A	-----	-----	Heating Garage	920.00
Total Highways				<u>\$47,745.00</u>
	10.0%	9.4%	CHARITIES—7.2% of total	
			Public Welfare:	
55	120.00	120.00	Salaries and Wages	120.00
56	2,951.56	4,529.73	Expenses	5,000.00
			Old Age Assistance:	
57	29,994.23	29,935.90	Assistance	24,000.00
58	1,237.71	462.70	Expenses	2,000.00
			Aid to Dependent Children:	
59	4,560.31	4,359.81	Aid	4,500.00
			Disability Assistance:	
60	3,387.12	4,249.27	Aid	3,500.00
Total Charities				<u>\$39,120.00</u>

Item No.	Expended 1954	Expended 1955	Recommended 1956
	1.3%	.8%	VETERANS' BENEFITS—.7% of total
61	2,777.03	3,004.49	Benefits 4,000.00
	36.6%	40.5%	SCHOOLS—42.9% of total
62	11,468.41	12,197.10	General Expense 12,850.00
63	110,414.17	130,733.99	Expense of Instruction 155,893.00
64	7,313.70	8,504.48	Textbooks and Supplies 9,990.00
65	20,710.74	23,532.73	Operation of Plant 25,600.00
66	2,300.48	3,736.28	Maintenance of Plant 7,817.00
67	14,957.47	15,697.84	Auxiliary Agencies 18,827.00
68	261.85	1,243.50	Outlay 3,160.00
69	803.75	1,987.85	Special Appropriations 1,150.00
			Total Schools \$235,287.00
	.8%	.7%	LIBRARIES—.8% of total
70	1,191.67	1,350.00	Salaries and Wages 1,700.00
71	2,410.91	2,300.57	Expenses 2,810.00
			Total Libraries \$4,510.00
	1.7%	1.6%	RECREATION—1.7% of total
			Parks:
72	2,750.00	2,900.00	Salary of Supt. 3,000.00
73	893.42	945.00	Salary of Instructors and Clerk 945.00
74	1,391.76	1,399.50	Labor 2,200.00
75	1,844.21	2,153.90	Expenses 2,250.00
75A	1,200.00	1,500.00	New Equipment (2nd Hand Truck in 1956) 750.00
			Total Recreation \$9,145.00
	.8%	.9%	PENSIONS—1.04% of total
76	3,905.75	4,388.84	Retirement Fund 5,753.65
	3.1%	3.0%	UNCLASSIFIED—2.9% of total
77	1,597.00	1,822.74	Town Reports 1,822.00
78	637.37	666.74	Memorial Day 700.00
79	365.90	15.75	Planning Board 500.00
80	100.00	100.00	Town Clock 100.00
81	1,000.00	999.03	Veterans' Quarters 1,000.00
82	5,773.63	6,180.00	Insurance 6,800.00
83	2,319.21	2,525.33	Reserve Fund 5,000.00
			Total Unclassified \$15,922.00
	5.7%	5.2%	PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES 5.7% of total
			Water Department:
84	5,950.00	8,912.60	Salary of Supt. 3,560.00
85	1,938.75	900.00	Wages 6,700.00
86	13,088.03	11,082.65	Expenses 14,275.00
87	4,995.25	6,448.66	Extension of Mains 6,500.00
			Total Public Service Enterprises \$31,035.00

Item No.	Expended 1954	Expended 1955	Recommended 1956
	.85%	.8%	CEMETERIES—.9% of total
88	2,750.00	2,900.00	Salary of Supt. 3,000.00
89	1,346.24	1,575.55	Wages 900.00
90	275.00	275.00	Expenses 275.00
91	-----	-----	New Equipment (2nd Hand Truck in 1956) 1,000.00
			<hr/> Total Cemeteries \$5,175.00
	15.4%	14.0%	MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST
			11.7% of total
92	59,000.00	59,000.00	Maturing Debt 58,000.00
93	12,699.75	11,798.75	Interest 11,250.00
			<hr/> Total Debt and Interest \$69,250.00
94	Total Budget Recommendations		\$546,876.65
95	Total recommended, special articles		48,450.00
96	Total, all recommendations		\$595,326.65
Add			
97	Estimated State charges, county taxes, T. B. Hospital assess- ment, assessors' estimate of overlay, and all other amounts required by law to be raised		<hr/> 38,195.05
98	Grand total, Recommendations and Estimates		\$633,521.70
99	Deductions to compute estimated tax rate:		
	Estimated receipts, income, corporation and other taxes from State, motor vehicle excise and other local receipts from other sources than taxation, trans. available funds.		\$243,606.42
100	Poll Taxes		<hr/> 2,806.00
			\$246,412.42
101	Estimated balance to be raised by a levy on local real estate and tangible personal property, other than motor vehicle		<hr/> \$387,109.28
102	Estimated tax rate based upon above recom- mendations using assessors' estimate of current year		\$44.00

* Percentages are in budget terms not in terms of expenditures

REPORT

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

1955

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I submit herewith my report for the year ending December 31, 1955, showing the amount and source of all receipts, the amount of appropriations and expenditures therefrom, purposes of expenditures, town indebtedness, condition of trust funds and a balance sheet.

Although the law provides that such statement shall be in accordance with classification prescribed by the director of accounts, I have further extended the classification of expenditures to make such information readily available to those who desire it. Any additional information will be gladly given to all residents of the town by calling at the office.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all for any assistance rendered me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,

Town Accountant.

RECEIPTS

TAXES

Previous Years:

1954 Personal Property	\$876 34
1954 Real Estate	8,823 66

 \$9,700 00

Current Year:

Poll	2,202 00
Personal Property	25,292.40
Real Estate	307,890 92

 335,385 32

 \$345,085 32

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Alcoholic Beverages:

Package Store—All Alcoholic (3)	450 00
Package Store—Wine & Beer (1)	75 00
Restaurant—All Alcoholic (2)	600 00
Club—All Alcoholic (2)	300 00

Common Victuals	10 00
Lord's Day	14 00
Motor Vehicle Dealer	10 00
Ice Cream Mfg.	5 00
Junk Collector	10 00
Second Hand Articles	4 00
Sale of Firearms	6 00
Pistol Permits	30 00
Day Care of Children	2 00
Amusement Devices	60 00
Milk	14 00
Sewage Disposal	550 00
Bakery	1 00
Auctioneers	5 00

 2,146 00

 2,146 00

GRANTS AND GIFTS

From State:

Income Tax	28,114 78
Corporation Tax	18,900 00
Old Age Meals Tax	994 47
Loss of Taxes on State Land	6,196 26
Cooperative Snow Plowing	36 00
State Pedlars License	16 00
Tuberculosis Subsidy	60 71

Carried forward

 \$347,231 32

Brought forward

\$347,231 32

Vocational Education	366 98
English Speaking Classes	5 00
School Construction Aid	23,274 39
Highway Const. Ch. 90	1,887 87
Highway Maint. Ch. 90	500 00
Hurricane Relief	13,563 79
School Transportation Aid	6,328 93
School Tuition	104 14

100,349.32

100,349 32

From County:

Dog Tax Refund

704 85

704 85

704 85

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

1954 Moth	8 20
1955 Moth	894 90

903 10

903 10

PRIVILEGES

1954 Motor Vehicle Excise	3,334 93
1955 Motor Vehicle Excise	49,585 07

52,920 00

52,920 00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealers Fees	70 70
Court Fines	143 35

214 05

214 05

HEALTH

Dental Clinic Fees	540 00
Sale of Garbage	542 00

1,082 00

1,082 00

Carried forward

\$503,404 64

Brought forward

\$503,404 64

PUBLIC WELFARE

General Relief:

From State	128 70	
Cities and Towns	911 40	
Individuals	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	3,040 10

Disability Assistance:

From State—Assistance	2,528 39	
From State—Administration	14 21	
	<hr/>	2,542 60

Aid to Dependent Children:

From State—Assistance	1,819 54	
	<hr/>	1,819 54

Old Age Assistance:

From State—Assistance	15,857 73	
Towns and Cities—Assistance	1,259 72	
	<hr/>	17,117 45

Federal Grants:

Disability Assistance:

Assistance	1,258 34	
Administration	28 42	
	<hr/>	1,286 76

Aid to Dependent Children:

Assistance	2,657 80	
Administration	219 42	
	<hr/>	2,877 22

Old Age Assistance:

Assistance	18,832 63	
Administration	504 04	
	<hr/>	19,336 67

48,020 34

VETERANS' BENEFITS

From State	959 00	
	<hr/>	959 00

959 00

Carried forward

\$552,383 98

Brought forward

\$552,383 98

SCHOOLS

Tuition—Towns & Individuals	1,362 50		
Cafeteria—Sale of Lunches	16,829 34		
Cafeteria—Federal Grants	6,481 95		
Athletic Receipts	32 00		
Sale of Supplies	29 40		
Rent of Gym	30 00		
	<hr/>	24,765 19	
		<hr/>	24,765 19

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fines, 1954, Main Library	12 46		
Fines, 1955, Main Library	16 00		
Fines, 1954, Branch Library	16 54		
Fines, 1955, Branch Library	7 29		
Sale of Books, 1954	2 06		
	<hr/>	54 35	
		<hr/>	54 35

WATER DEPARTMENT

Meter Rates	32,358 29		
Services	2,010 58		
Liens—1954	48 90		
Liens—1955	152 80		
	<hr/>	34,570 57	
		<hr/>	34,570 57

CEMETERY

Care of Lots and Graves	526 00		
Care of Endowed Lots	536 00		
Interments	507 00		
Saloe Lots and Graves	140 00		
	<hr/>	1,709 00	
		<hr/>	1,709 00

INTEREST

On Taxes	262 81		
On Motor Excise	37 75		
On Water Accounts	13 78		
On Checking Acct. (Day Trust Co.)	9 91		
	<hr/>	324 25	
		<hr/>	324 25

Carried forward

\$613,807 34

Brought forward

\$613,807 34

REFUNDS

Departmental Overpayments	519 31		
Military Retirement	446 90		
	<hr/>	966 21	
		<hr/>	966 21

AGENCY AND TRUSTS

Withholding Tax	29,101 26		
Retirement Deductions	4,503 35		
Dog Licenses for County	1,185 00		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,125 00		
	<hr/>	35,914 61	
		<hr/>	35,914 61

MISCELLANEOUS

Tax Titles	5 00		
Sale of Street Sign	6 50		
Sale of Sprayer	125 00		
Sale of Truck Chassis	50 00		
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund	1,000 00		
Old Age Assist. Recovery	2,842 69		
Insurance on Fire Damage	400 55		
	<hr/>	4,429 74	
		<hr/>	4,429 74

Total Receipts 1955

\$655,117 90

EXPENDITURES

SELECTMEN

Salaries and Wages:

Lawrence R. Stone	\$436 04
Everett F. Haley	345 00
Lawrence Lamson	273 13
Edward A. DeWitt	95 83
Elizabeth Robins, Clerical	2,240 00
Frank W. Buzzell, Bld. Insp.	375 00
Hugh MacDonald, Dog Officer	150 00

\$3,915 00

Expenses:

Printing, Postage, Supplies	500 54
Association Dues, Expenses	101 45
Publishing, Advertising	62 50
Law Books	40 00
Engraving, Engrossing	21 00
Delivering Pamphlets	28 00
Typewriter Service	13 35
Traffic Signs	238 26
Street Signs	208 00
Petition Fees	5 00
Perambulating Bounds	80 00
Rent of Brush Disposal Area	65 00
Confining Dogs	71 50
Engineering and Surveying	407 05
Street Numbering	78 00

1,919 65

\$5,834 65

Salary:

Francis H. Whipple, Acct.	3,500 00
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3,500 00

Expenses:

Supplies, Forms, Postage	244 54
Association Dues, Expenses	46 50
Office Machine Service	8 00

299 04

3,799 04

TREASURY

Salary:

Walfred B. Sellman, Treas.	1,600 00
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1,600 00

Carried forward

\$9,633 69


Brought forward

\$9,633 69

Expenses:

Surety Bond	165 60	
Burglary Insurance	35 00	
Supplies, Forms, Postage	128 53	
Association Dues	2 00	
Desk	92 10	
Typing	28 75	
	<hr/>	451 98

2,051 98

COLLECTOR

Salary:

Bertha L. Crowell, Collector	1,800 00	
	<hr/>	1,800 00

Expenses:

Printing, Postage, Supplies	527 99	
Surety Bond	183 00	
Burglary Insurance	70 00	
Deputy Collector's Bond	5 00	
Deputy Collector's Fees	5 75	
Association Dues	2 00	
Advertising	22 50	
Assistant	30 00	
	<hr/>	846 24

2,646 24

ASSESSORS

Wages:

Robert H. Chittick	650 00	
Elmo O. Adams	1,095 00	
Arthur L. Bennett	405 00	
Bertha L. Crowell, Clerical	249 95	
	<hr/>	2,399 95

Expenses:

Postage, Forms, Supplies	131 17	
Abstracts	141 06	
Transportation	115 00	
Association Dues, Expenses	34 00	
Typewriter Service, Repairs	26 15	
Supplies	7 58	
	<hr/>	454 96

2,854 91

Carried forward

\$17,186 82

Brought forward

\$17,186 82

LAW

Salary:

Standish Bradford, Counsel	800 00		
	<hr/>	800 00	
		<hr/>	800 00

TOWN CLERK

Salary:

Francis H. Whipple, Town Clerk	1,000 00		
	<hr/>	1,000 00	

Expenses:

Postage, Supplies, Tel.	161 07		
Association Dues, Expenses	44 25		
Abstracts and Recordings	76 00		
Surety Bond	5 00		
Typewriter Service	13 35		
	<hr/>	299 67	
		<hr/>	1,299.67

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Salaries—Registrars of Voters:

Frank W. Buzzell	60 00		
Jessie W. B. Cunningham	60 00		
Lawrence Lamson	12 50		
George Morrow	45 00		
Francis H. Whipple	60 00		
	<hr/>	237 50	

Expenses:

Election Officers	136 00		
Janitor Service (School)	13 50		
Police Officers	17 00		
Labor	8 00		
Annual Listing, Census	657 80		
Food	62 73		
Printing and Supplies	307 60		
Telephones	17 10		
Clerical Work	226 00		
	<hr/>	1,445 73	
		<hr/>	1,683 23

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Expenses:

Association Dues	15 00		
	<hr/>	15 00	15 00

Carried forward

\$20,984 72

Brought forward

\$20,984 72

PLANNING BOARD

Expenses:

Association Dues, Expenses	15 75		
	<hr/>	15 75	
		<hr/>	15 75

TOWN HALL

Salary:

Lester F. Stanley, Janitor	2,900 00		
	<hr/>	2,900 00	

Expenses:

Fuel	654 00		
Electric Current	349 90		
Janitor's Supplies	97 93		
Telephone	320 79		
Maintenance & Repairs	557 74		
Christmas Decorations	53 00		
Water Rates	25 00		
Furniture and Equipment	35 67		
Seed, Flowers, Fertilizer	40 15		
Supplies	10 85		
	<hr/>	2,145 03	

Alterations:

Est. Donald G. Trussell	405 60		
Electrical Work	338 41		
Linoleum	35 00		
	<hr/>	779 01	

Painting:

Est. Donald G. Trussell	69 10		
	<hr/>	69 10	
		<hr/>	5,893 14

POLICE

Salary and Wages:

Edward Frederick, Chief	3,540 00		
Lester D. Charles	984 40		
Frederick R. Johnson	767 60		
Robert W. Poole	1,032 40		
Armand Richards	529 20		
Ray M. Sanford, Jr.	992 00		
John S. Sargent	927 60		
Other Officers	822 80		
	<hr/>	9,596 00	

Carried forward

\$26,893 61

Brought forward

\$26,893 61

Expenses:

Rent	360 00	
Telephone	256 25	
Cruiser Expense	1,073 13	
Maintenance of Radio	130 35	
Supplies and Equipment	52 53	
Electric Current	28 52	
Heating Oil	79 21	
Photographs	4 00	
New Uniforms	300 00	
	<hr/>	2,283 99

11,879 99

Cruiser Exchange:

Cruiser	1,370 00	
Advertising	2 81	
Equipment	77 38	
	<hr/>	1,450 19

1,450 19

FIRE

Salaries and Wages:

A Merrill Cummings, Chief	200 00	
Rudolph H. Haraden, Clerk	50 00	
Winslow B. Dodge, Janitor	200 00	
Call Firemen	2,207 36	
	<hr/>	2,657 36

Expenses:

Fuel	265 35	
Electric Current	60 37	
Water Rates	25 00	
Maintenance of Building	132 43	
Equipment and Supplies	403 03	
Telephone	207 81	
Truck Expense	740 26	
Inhalator Exchange	375 00	
	<hr/>	2,209 25

Ladder Truck Purchase:

Truck and Equipment	8,493 75	
	<hr/>	8,493 75

13,360 36

Carried forward

\$53,584 15

Brought forward

\$53,584 15

MOTH

Salaries and Wages:

Rudolph H. Haraden, Supt.	1,770 00
Winslow B. Dodge	400 96
Donald P. Johnson	588 00

2,758 96

Expenses:

Truck Expense	261 60
Liability Insurance	15 00
Insecticides	170 00
Telephone	42 95

489 55

3,248 51

MOTH—PRIVATE PROPERTY

Salaries and Wages:

Rudolph H. Haraden, Supt.	380 00
Winslow B. Dodge	140 00
Donald P. Johnson	240 00

760 00

Expenses:

Insecticides	232 40
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232 40

992 40

TREE WARDEN

Salaries and Wages:

Rudolph H. Haraden, Warden	1,250 00
Winslow B. Dodge	505 12
Donald P. Johnson	810 00
Donald G. Haraden	6 00

2,571 12

Expenses:

Truck Expenses	11 00
Tools and Supplies	66 47
Equipment and Repairs	63 68
Association Dues, Expenses	6 00
Telephone	8 18

155 33

Planting Trees:

Purchase of Trees	200 00
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200 00

Carried forward

\$57,825 06

Brought forward

\$57,825 06

Pruning Elms:

Winslow B. Dodge, Wages	136 64	
Donald P. Johnson, "	330 00	
Donald G. Haraden, "	24 00	
	<u>490 64</u>	
		<u>3,417 09</u>

FOREST WARDEN

Salaries and Wages:

A. Merrill Cummings, Warden	40 00	
	<u>40 00</u>	
		<u>40 00</u>

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary:

Erving O. Maxwell, Sealer	230 00	
	<u>230 00</u>	

Expenses:

Transportation	75 00	
Supplies	18 20	
	<u>93 20</u>	
		<u>323 20</u>

CIVIL DEFENSE

Expenses:

Auxiliary Police Supplies	109 25	
	<u>109 25</u>	
		<u>109 25</u>

HURRICANE RELIEF

Wages:

Winslow B. Dodge	573 44	
Donald P. Johnson	588 00	
Donald G. Haraden	366 00	
Other Wages	15 12	
	<u>1,542 56</u>	

Expenses:

Truck Hire	148 75	
Bulldozer Hire	255 00	
Trailer Hire	60 00	
	<u>463 75</u>	
		<u>2,006 31</u>

Carried forward

\$63,720 91

Brought forward

\$63,720 91

HEALTH

Salaries and Wages:

Everett F. Haley	60 00	
Lawrence R. Stone	30 00	
Lawrence Lamson	23 75	
Edward A. DeWitt	6 25	
Francis H. Whipple, Clerk	60 00	
Ernest M. Barker, Milk Insp.	75 00	
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		255 00

Expenses:

Postage, Supplies	11 17	
Immunizations	24 00	
Transportation	23 69	
Patients at Essex Sanatorium	852 00	
Sewage Inspections	465 00	
Abating Nuisance	5 00	
Other Towns and Cities	570 00	
		<hr/>
		1,950 86

Garbage and Refuse Disposal:

Wages:

Luther Caverly	1,762 58	
Joseph P. Gates, Jr.	1,703 26	
James Dratus	1,250 75	
Robert McRae	1,294 48	
Harold Morgan	1,051 00	
Herbert Tobyne	996 00	
Herbert Harraden	647 36	
Walter Cheever	625 63	
Other Wages	352 21	
		<hr/>
		9,683 27

Expenses:

Nicholas Papanicholas, Contract	125 00	
Maintenance of Trucks	864 22	
Rent of Dump	300 00	
Bulldozer Hire	281 00	
Equipment	67 85	
Lumber	42 05	
Gravel	83 00	
Wire Fencing	44 10	
		<hr/>
		1,807 22

13,696 35

Carried forward

\$77,417 26

Brought forward

\$77,417 26

Garbage Truck Purchase

Chassis and Body	3,020 00
Equipment	78 96

 3,098 96

Refuse Chassis Purchase

Chassis	2,900 00
Mounting Body	320 96
Painting Body	130 00
Advertising for Bids	3 13

 3,354 09

 6,453 05

DENTAL CLINIC

Dr. John King, Dentist	3,270 00
Florence Stobbart, Nurse	200 00
Insurance	17 10

 3,487 10

 3,487 10

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Ernest M. Barker, Inspector	90 00
Transportation	50 00

 140 00

 140 00

MAINTENANCE OF ESSEX SANATORIUM

County Treasurer	5,633 37
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 5,633 37

 5,633 37

HIGHWAYS

Salaries and Wages:

Charles F. Poole, Surveyor	3,400 00
Lewis K. Pierce	2,050 88
Robert A. Tucker	1,803 04
Frank E. Manthorn	1,768 48
Frank C. Back	1,787 52
Alden Southwick	1,881 60
Herbert Harraden	1,473 92
Archie Moore	1,720 32
Other Wages	365 31

 16,251 07

Carried forward

 \$93,130 78

Brought forward

\$93,130 78

Expenses:

Surveying, Engineering	178 50
Gas, Oil, Truck Expense	1,964 50
Tools, Supplies, Equipment	437 29
Patching Material	1,091 71
Sand, Stone, Loam	57 60
Grass seed	22 15
Pipe	275 23
Street Bounds	22 50
Tractor Repairs	59 40
Loader Repairs	32 50
Bridge Planking	159 84
Backhoe Hire	407 00
Bulldozer Hire	37 50
Lumber	38 82
Heating Oil	55 94
	<hr/>
	4,840 48

21,091 55

GRAVEL ROADS

Wages:

Lewis K. Pierce	195 84
Robert A. Tucker	188 80
Frank E. Manthorn	170 24
Alden Southwick	152 32
Frank C. Back	134 40
Herbert E. Harraden	94 08
Archie Moore	143 36
Robert Poole	26 88
	<hr/>
	1,105 92

Expenses:

Grader Hire	1,518 00
Shovel Hire	55 00
Roller Hire	621 00
Backhoe Hire	87 00
Bulldozer Hire	90 00
Truck Hire	189 00
Pipe	413 44
Sand, Gravel, Loam	1,415 59
Brick, Basin Blocks	248 82
Road Oil	2,915 83
Patching Material	39 44
Engineering, Surveying	270 75
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	7,863 87

8,969 79

Carried forward

\$123,192 12

Brought forward

\$123,192 12

SIDEWALKS

Wages:

Lewis K. Pierce	130 56
Robert A. Tucker	169 92
Frank E. Manthorn	161 28
Frank C. Back	161 28
Archie Moore	215 04
Winslow Dodge	179 20
Donald Johnson	180 00
Robert Poole	62 72

 1,260 00

Expenses:

Bulldozer Hire	248 00
Loam, Gravel	185 25
Engineering, Surveying	137 00
Gasoline	72 90

 643 15

 1,903 15

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Wages:

Lewis K. Pierce	114 24
Robert A. Tucker	89 68
Frank E. Manthorn	72 80
Alden Southwick	49 28
Donald Johnson	48 96

 374 96

Expenses:

Loader Hire	140 00
Pipe	583 10
Backhoe Hire	339 00
Tractor Hire	20 00
Manhole Blocks	30 81
Cement, Supplies	11 50

 1,124 41

 1,499 37

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

 Martin Maillet, Contractor
 Advertising for Bids

 5,786 23
 3 75

 5,789 98

 5,789 98

Carried forward

 \$132,384 62

Brought forward

\$132,384 62

CUTLER ROAD RELOCATION

Loader Hire	272 00		
Bulldozer Hire	89 25		
Gravel	258 75		
Hot Top Material	151 90		
Engineering, Surveying	43 00		
Labor	145 20		
	<hr/>	960 10	
		<hr/>	960 10

SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING

Wages:

Lewis K. Pierce	514 16		
Robert A. Tucker	267 82		
Frank E. Manthorn	265 44		
Alden Southwick	263 20		
Frank C. Back	219 52		
Herbert Harraden	226 24		
Archie Moore	269 92		
Other Wages	587 76		
	<hr/>	2,614 06	

Expenses:

Maintenance, Operation of Trucks	495 54		
Equipment and Repairs	258 14		
Loader Hire	256 00		
Truck Hire	302 00		
Sand	287 64		
Salt	508 00		
Snow Fence	87 87		
Tools	25 20		
	<hr/>	2,220 39	
		<hr/>	4,834 45

STREET LIGHTING

Essex County Electric Co.	9,793 94		
	<hr/>	9,793 94	
		<hr/>	9,793 94
Carried forward			<hr/>
			\$147,973 11

Brought forward

\$147,973 11

PUBLIC WELFARE

Salaries and Wages:

Lawrence Lamson	47 50
Everett F. Haley	30 00
Lawrence R. Stone	36 25
Edward A. DeWitt	6 25

 120 00

Expenses:

Cash Grants	3,398 92
Medical Care	150 11
Fuel	52 90
Office Supplies	32 00
Association Dues, Expenses	27 00
Other Cities and Towns	156 00
Board and Care of Children	592 80

 4,409 73

 4,529 73

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Town Funds

Assistance Payments	4,249 27
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Federal Funds

Assistance Payments	1,026 70
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 5,275 97

 5,275 97

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Funds

Assistance Payments	4,359 81
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Federal Funds

Assistance Payments	1,706 01
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 6,065 82

 6,065 82

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Funds

Assistance Payments	28,405 16
Other Cities and Towns	1,530 74

Federal Funds

Assistance Payments	9,943 45
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 39,879 35

 39,879 35

Carried forward

 \$203,723 98

Brought forward

\$203,723 98

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

Town Funds

Francis H. Whipple, Agent	233 55
Office Supplies, Equipment	159 08
Transportation	70 07

462 70

Federal Administration

743 90

1,206 60

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Federal Funds

Office Equipment	160 11
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160 11

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION

Federal Funds

Office Supplies, Equipment	475 26
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475 26

635 37

VETERAN'S BENEFITS

Cash Grants	2,118 00
Medical Care	170 49
Food	60 00
Association Dues, Expenses	16 00
Administration	520 00
Service Director	120 00

3,004 49

3,004 49

SCHOOLS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Douglas A. Chandler, Supt.	7,400 00
Elizabeth Edmondson, Clerk	3,600 00
Anne Burton, Clerical	350 00
School Census	150 00
Truant Officer	150 00
Superintendent's Travel	355 75
Association Dues, Expenses	48 60
Office Expense	136 25
Subscriptions	3 50
Personal Services	3 00

12,197 10

Carried forward

\$208,570 44

Brought forward

\$208,570 44

EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Instructors Salaries:

Edith Anderson	3,999 92
Wilbur Armstrong	4,299 96
Ruth Austen	4,099 96
Margaret Batchelder	3,999 92
Mary Bergman	3,899 92
Doris Blood	3,099 92
Millicent Boswell	4,299 96
Nancy Chittick	1,016 64
Peter Coffin	1,916 64
Benjamin Draper	866 64
Ellen Duffy	4,116 60
Harriet Erskine	3,099 96
Betty Foster	1,216 64
Doris Foster	3,099 96
Natale Frederico	1,450 00
Marshall Gero	4,149 92
Esther Goddard	3,649 92
Ruth Harris	3,399 92
Nena Hayes	3,399 92
Harold Herber	866 64
Gloria Hussey	2,919 61
Jean Howland	1,166 64
Dorothy Jones	3,499 92
Marian Joseph	4,366 64
Janet Klem	2,033 28
Carolyn Lander	3,499 92
Louise Leach	3,099 96
Rupert Little	1,329 32
Mary Lucey	3,549 92
Donald Mack	2,400 00
Carl Martini	4,733 28
Ruth McCann	1,983 32
Priscilla McKay	3,849 92
Eleanor McKey	2,666 64
Wilton Moyer	4,116 60
Hazel Ramer	2,866 64
Edith Ross	3,099 92
Mildred Scanlon	3,649 92
Maude Thomas	1,294 00
Forest Troop	3,399 92
John Valois	2,699 92
Glendora Ward	2,066 64
Harriet Watson	1,033 33

Carried forward

\$208,570 44

Brought forward

\$208,570 44

Joan Webster	2,066 65
Joan Woodberry	1,100 00
Substitutes and Others	1,334 50

 129,775 37

Expenses:

Writing Supervision	700 00
Association Dues, Expenses	149 43
Envelopes	65 80
Subscriptions	3 50
Driver Training	35 14
Other Expenses	4 75

 958 62

AUXILIARY AGENCIES

School Health:

Dr. Daniel Rogers, Physician	360 00
Dr. Robert Love, Physician	240 00
Florence Stobbart, Nurse	2,340 00
Medical Supplies	99 02

 3,039 02

Athletics:

Uniforms and Equipment	877 00
Transportation	314 20
Officials	190 00
Police	25 50
Tournament Expenses	8 50
Supplies	50 73
League Dues	5 00
Insurance	48 00

 1,518 93

Other Expenses:

Tuition	348 00
Trade School Transportation	114 45
Educational Transportation	110 00
Library	211 29
Bus Supervision	161 00
Graduation	42 01
Telephone—High	414 77
Telephone—Elementary	156 37
Transportation—School Sessions	9,566 00
Other Expenses	16 00

 11,139 89

Carried forward

 \$208,570 44

Brought forward

\$208,570 44

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Books—High	1,585 80	
Supplies—High	1,768 62	
Books—Elementary	2,039 06	
Supplies—Elementary	1,804 91	
Shop Supplies	721 86	
Films	28 63	
Music Supplies	102 72	
Kindergarten Supplies	6 63	
Testing	317 75	
Subscriptions	18 00	
Advertising	22 50	
Domestic Science	88 00	
	<hr/>	8,504 48

OPERATION OF PLANT

Janitor's Salaries:

Bernard Cullen	3,248 22	
Hovey Humphrey	3,134 48	
Fred Morris	2,936 68	
Everett Welch	3,114 98	
Vernal Pollard	336 75	
	<hr/>	12,771 11

Expenses:

Fuel—High	2,510 91	
Electric Current—High	1,594 50	
Domestic Gas—High	75 57	
Water—High	181 00	
Janitor's Supplies—High	1,110 00	
Fuel—Elementary	2,946 36	
Electric Current—Elementary	1,598 50	
Domestic Gas—Elementary	188 55	
Water—Elementary	181 00	
Janitor's Supplies—Elementary	375 23	
	<hr/>	10,761 62

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

High	1,982 41	
Elementary	1,753 87	
	<hr/>	3,736 28

Carried forward

\$208,570 44

Brought forward

\$208,570 44

OUTLAY—NEW EQUIPMENT

Typewriter	150 00	
Desks	436 50	
Chairs	267 00	
Playground Equipment	390 00	
	<hr/>	1,243 50

VOCATIONAL

City of Salem	1 20	
City of Beverly	520 10	
	<hr/>	521 30

MAINTENANCE LAMSON SCHOOL

Glass	1 10	
	<hr/>	1 10

CUTLER SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

Cashman Bros. Contract	1,348 85	
Engineering, Surveying	116 60	
	<hr/>	1,465 45

REPAIR OF LIGHTNING DAMAGE

Electrical Repairs—Cutler School	400 55	
	<hr/>	400 55
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		198,034 32

SCHOOL REVOLVING FUNDS

ATHLETICS

Equipment and Supplies	41 64	
Transportation	56 40	
Officials	40 00	
Police	4 50	
Physician	10 00	
Repair of Equipment	8 00	
	<hr/>	160 54
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CAFETERIA

Salaries and Wages:	
Margaret Back	1,240 00
Loretta Tremblay	1,240 00

Carried forward

\$406,765 30

Brought forward

\$406,765 30

Marybelle Dolliver	985 00
Wilhelmina Morris	700 00
Dorothy Surpitski	498 40
Nellie Knowlton	750 20
Marguerite Brumby	274 10
Lois Piotrowski	313 00
Vivian Gilbride	16 80
Millicent Boswell	10 00

 6,027 50

Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	17,662 17
Commodity Service Charge	104 50
Trucking Commodities	65 04
Supplies	177 20
Utensils and Equipment	644 05

 18,652 96

 24,680 46

EQUIPMENT—1954 APPROPRIATION

Locks and Keys	139 65
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 139 65

 139 65

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salaries and Wages:

Louise Brown	850 00
Cynthia Wiggin	525 02
Jennie Perley	124 98

 1,500 00

Expenses:

Books and Periodicals	1,343 25
Rent of Branch Library	550 00
Electric Current	17 99
Fuel	27 00
Janitor Services	92 15
Assistant to Librarian	29 25
Office Supplies	82 58
Association Dues, Expenses	8 35

 2,150 57

 3,650 57

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Salaries and Wages:

Henry Stelline, Supt.	2,112 48
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Carried forward

 \$435,235 98

Brought forward			\$435,235 98
James Goodrich, Supt.	731 93		
Rena Hopkins, Clerk	75 00		
Charles Palm	634 63		
Herbert Tobyne	461 44		
Ralph Keith	284 48		
Other Wages	74 54		
		4,374 50	
Instructors' Salaries:			
Natalie Stone	364 00		
Freda Colwell	188 00		
David Geikie	318 00		
		870 00	
Expenses:			
Playground Supplies, Equip.	274 33		
Repairs and Sharpen Mower	181 90		
Fertilizer	357 20		
Loam	184 50		
Seed	28 75		
Building Materials	245 79		
Repairs	95 75		
Tractor Equipment	26 11		
Painting Building	119 60		
Rototiller Hire	35 00		
Maintenance of Tractor	58 95		
Gas and Oil	168 64		
Tools	166 42		
Supplies	87 46		
Electric Current	80 50		
Water Rates	43 00		
		2,153 90	
Equipment:			
Tractor	970 25		
Equipment	529 75		
		1,500 00	
			8,898 40
AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS			
Electric Current	186 96		
Heating Oil	787 07		
Water Rates	25 00		
		999 03	
			999 03
Carried forward			\$445,133 41

Brought forward

\$445,133 41

SHINGLING WALSH SCHOOL

Est. Donald G. Trussell, Contract	1,642 03		
	<u> </u>	1,642 03	
		<u> </u>	1,642 03

MEMORIAL DAY

Lee's Band	225 00		
Lotitos' Band	200 00		
Flowers	127 50		
Flags	43 50		
Refreshments	34 25		
Postage, Printing	36 49		
	<u> </u>	666 74	
		<u> </u>	666 74

TOWN REPORTS

Printing and Distribution	1,822 74		
	<u> </u>	1,822 74	
		<u> </u>	1,822 74

TOWN CLOCK

Winding Clock	100 00		
	<u> </u>	100 00	
		<u> </u>	100 00

INSURANCE

Blanket Fire Insurance	3,464 88		
Workmen's Compensation	2,559 64		
Boiler	155 48		
	<u> </u>	6,180 00	
		<u> </u>	6,180 00

RETIREMENT FUND

Essex County Retirement Board	4,388 84		
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		<u> </u>	4,388 84

SCHOOL NEEDS COMMITTEE

Printing	59 11		
Distributing Pamphlets	48 00		
	<u> </u>	107 11	
		<u> </u>	107 11

Carried forward

\$460,040 87

Brought forward

\$460,040 87

WATER DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

Raymond A. Whipple, Supt.	3,400 00
Charles Dolliver, Asst. Supt.	2,900 00
Alexina Morrow, Clerk	900 00
Paul S. Tucker	2,100 00
Other Wages	512 60

 9,812 60

Expenses:

Electric Current	2,854 92
Pipe and Fittings	3,733 80
Meters	1,489 28
Meter Repairs	388 44
Tools and Supplies	384 85
Maintenance of Trucks	515 93
Liability Insurance	28 20
Heating Oil	120 35
Oil Burner	185 00
Express and Freight	28 16
Repairs	110 72
Digger Hire	852 50
Bulldozer Hire	31 00
Office Expense	125 67
Telephone	219 08
Association Dues	6 00
Advertising for Bids	8 75

 11,082 65 20,895 25

EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS

Pipe and Fittings	4,172 84
Digger Hire	1,395 00
Bulldozer Hire	212 00
Lumber	34 32
Labor	634 50

 6,448 66

 6,448 66

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

Salaries of Commissioners	75 00
John T. Walke, Clerk	200 00
Philip Plummer, Supt.	2,900 00
Raymond Whipple, Jr.	571 50
Robert Poole	342 00
Robert McRae	45 00

 4,133 50

Carried forward

 \$487,384 78

Brought forward

\$487,384 78

Expenses:

Tools and Repairs	130 86
Office Supplies, Equipment	67 00
Maintenance of Truck	166 56
Telephone	46 28
Flowers	20 50
Seeds	14 05
Water Rates	75 50
Plowing, Harrowing	37 50
Road Patching	58 80
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	617 05

4,750 55

SPECIAL CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

Loam	525 00
Shovel Hire	111 00
Truck Hire	75 00
Bulldozer Hire	75 00
Trench Digger Hire	48 75
Pipe and Fittings	148 20
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	982 95

982 95

INTEREST

Water Bonds, '39 Installation	218 75
Water Bonds, '47 Reservoir & Wells	200 00
Water Bonds, '47 Laying Mains	945 00
Water Bonds, '51 Pump House	75 00
School Bonds, '52 Construction	10,360 00
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	11,798 75

11,798 75

MATURING DEBT

Water Bonds, '39 Installation	5,000 00
Water Bonds, '47 Reservoir & Wells	2,000 00
Water Bonds, '47 Laying Mains	8,000 00
Water Bonds, '51 Pump House	3,000 00
School Bonds, '52 Construction	41,000 00
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	59,000 00

59,000 00

AGENCY

Withholding Tax	29,101 26
Retirement Deductions	4,503 35
Dog Licenses	1,185 00
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	34,789 61

34,789 61

Carried forward

\$598,706 64

Brought forward

\$598,706 64

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Cemetery Endowments	1,125 00		
Cemetery Sale of Lots & Graves	315 00		
	<hr/>	1,440 00	
			1,440 00

MISCELLANEOUS

County Tax	18,803 74		
State Audit	468 78		
State Parks	656 85		
Departmental Overpayments	200 00		
	<hr/>	20,129 37	
			20,129 37

REFUNDS

1954 Taxes	302 40		
1955 Taxes	1,428 30		
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,329 09		
Cemetery Care	3 00		
Water Rates and Services	84 00		
Interest	99		
	<hr/>	4,147 78	
			4,147 78

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 1955

\$624,423 79

TRANSFERS

By Annual Town Meeting

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	
Excess and Deficiency	Revenue	\$35,000 00
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund	Cemetery Improvements	1,000 00

By Finance Committee

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	
Reserve Fund	Insurance	\$180 00
" "	School Fire Damage	400 55
" "	Health Expenses	876 43
" "	Public Welfare	370 99
" "	Fire Wages	347 36
" "	Garbage & Refuse Disposal	100 00
" "	Park Expenses	150 00
" "	Collector Expenses	100 00

RECAPITULATION OF DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES—1955

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/55</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers & Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/55</i>
Selectmen					
Salaries		1,150.00		1,150.00	
Clerical		2,240.00		2,240.00	
Expense		2,500.00		2,444.65	55.35
Accounting					
Salary		3,500.00		3,500.00	
Expenses		300.00		299.04	.96
Treasury					
Salary		1,600.00		1,600.00	
Expenses		475.00		451.98	23.02
Collector					
Salary		1,800.00		1,800.00	
Expenses		750.00	100.00 T	846.24	3.76
Assessors					
Wages		2,500.00		2,399.95	100.05
Expenses		460.00		454.96	5.04
Law					
Salary		800.00		800.00	
Expenses		200.00			200.00
Town Clerk					
Salary		1,000.00		1,000.00	
Expenses		300.00		299.67	.33
Election & Registration					
Expenses		2,000.00		1,683.23	316.77

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/55</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers & Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/55</i>
Finance Committee		20.00		15.00	5.00
Planning Board		500.00		15.75	484.25
Town Hall					
Salary		2,900.00		2,900.00	
Expenses		2,350.00		2,145.03	204.97
Alterations		800.00		779.01	20.99
Painting	168.66			69.10	99.56
Police					
Salaries & Wages		9,700.00		9,596.00	104.00
Expenses		2,000.00		1,983.99	16.01
New Uniforms		300.00		300.00	
Cruiser Purchase		1,800.00		1,450.19	349.81
Fire					
Salaries & Wages		2,310.00	347.36 T	2,657.36	.75
Expenses		2,210.00		2,209.25	6.25
Truck Purchase		8,500.00		8,493.75	
Moth					
Superintendent Salary		1,770.00		1,770.00	
Wages		990.00		988.86	1.04
Expenses		500.00		489.55	10.45
Moth Private Property					
Superintendent Salary		380.00		380.00	
Wages		380.00		380.00	
Expenses		300.00		232.40	67.60

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance. 1/1/55</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers & Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/55</i>
Tree Warden					
Salary		1,250.00		1,250.00	
Wages		1,322.00		1,321.12	.88
Expenses		160.00		155.33	4.67
Planting Trees		200.00		200.00	
Pruning Elms		500.00		490.64	9.36
Forest Warden		40.00		40.00	
Sealer					
Salary		230.00		230.00	
Expenses		100.00		93.20	6.80
Civil Defense	519.95	.00		109.25	410.70
Health					
Salaries		180.00		180.00	
Expenses		1,500.00	876.43 T	2,376.43	
Milk Inspector Salary		75.00		75.00	
Dental Clinic					
Salary of Nurse		200.00		200.00	
Expenses		3,300.00		3,287.10	12.90
Garbage & Refuse Disposal		10,980.00	100.00 T	11,064.92	15.08
Animal Inspector					
Salary		90.00		90.00	
Expenses		50.00		50.00	
Garbage Truck Purchase	4,000.00	.00		3,098.96	901.04
Refuse Truck Purchase		4,200.00		3,354.09	845.91

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/55</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers & Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/55</i>
Highway					
Surveyors Salary		3,400.00		3,400.00	
Wages		12,880.00		12,851.07	28.93
Expenses		4,860.00		4,840.48	19.52
Sidewalks		2,000.00		1,903.15	96.85
Gravel Roads		9,000.00		8,969.79	30.21
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,500.00	.00		1,499.37	.63
Chap. 90 Construction		3,500.00	10,500.00 T	5,789.98	8,210.02
Cutler Relocating		1,700.00		960.10	739.90
Snow Removal & Sanding		5,000.00		4,834.45	165.55
Street Lighting		10,000.00		9,793.94	206.06
Public Welfare					
Salaries		120.00	57.00 R	120.00	
Expenses		4,000.00	370.99 T	4,529.73	18.26
Disability Assistance		5,000.00		4,249.27	750.73
Aid To Dependent Child. Administration		6,000.00 25.00		4,359.81	1,640.19 25.00
Old Age Assistance Administration		30,000.00 2,000.00	100.05 R	29,935.90 462.70	164.15 1,537.30
Veterans' Benefits		4,000.00		3,004.49	995.51

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/55</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers & Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/55</i>
Schools					
General Expense		12,525.00		12,197.10	327.90
Expense of Instruction		132,060.02		130,733.99	1,326.03
Auxiliary Agencies		16,752.00		15,697.84	1,054.16
Textbooks & Supplies		8,615.00		8,504.48	110.52
Operation of Plant		23,550.00		23,532.73	17.27
Maintenance & Repairs		3,740.00		3,736.28	3.72
Outlay		1,255.00		1,243.50	11.50
Vocational		1,250.00		521.30	728.70
Maint. Lamson School		350.00		1.10	348.90
Cutler School Driveway		1,700.00		1,465.45	234.55
School Equipment	261.60			139.65	121.95
Public Library					
Salaries		1,350.00		1,350.00	
Expenses		2,300.00	2.18 T	2,300.57	1.61
Parks & Playgrounds					
Superintendents Salary		2,900.00		2,900.00	
Labor		1,400.00		1,399.50	.50
Salaries of Instructors & Clerk		945.00		945.00	
Expenses		2,030.00	150 T	2,153.90	26.10
New Equipment		1,500.00		1,500.00	
Legion Headquarters		1,000.00		999.03	.97
Memorial Day		700.00		666.74	33.26
Town Reports		1,822.00		1,822.74	
Town Clock		100.00		100.00	

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance. 1/1/55</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers & Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/55</i>
Insurance		6,000.00	180.00 T	6,180.00	
Retirement Fund		4,388.84		4,388.84	
Reserve Fund		5,000.00		2,525.33 T	2,474.67
School Bldg. Needs Committee	109.50	.00		107.11	2.39
Shingling Walsh School		2,000.00		1,642.03	357.97
Water					
Salary of Supt.		3,400.00		3,400.00	
Salary of Assistants		5,600.00		5,512.60	87.40
Salary of Clerk		900.00		900.00	
Expenses		11,085.00		11,082.65	2.35
Extension of Mains		6,500.00		6,448.66	51.34
Fluoridation	1,100.00	850.00			1,950.00
Cemetery					
Salary of Commissioners		75.00		75.00	
Salary of Supt.		2,900.00		2,900.00	
Salary of Clerk		200.00		200.00	
Wages and Expenses		900.00	675.55 T	1,575.55	326.39
Improvements	309.34	1,000.00		982.95	
Interest		12,100.00		11,798.75	301.25
Maturing Debt		59,000.00		59,000.00	

TRUST FUNDS

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1955	\$648 87
Interest added during 1955	20 41
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1955	\$669 28

H. AUGUSTA DODGE LIBRARY FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1955	\$1,304 22
Interest added during 1955	39 41
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1955	\$1,343 63

MAXWELL NORMAN FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1955	\$562 17
Interest added during 1955	16 98
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1955	\$579 15

CEMETERY PERPETUAL FUNDS

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1955	\$27,553 76
Interest added during 1955	905 78
Bequests added to savings deposits during 1955	1,125 00
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	\$29,584 54
Transferred to Town for care of lots	536 00
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1955	\$29,048 54

CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1955	\$12,181 92
Cash in Treasury January 1, 1955	175 00
Receipts from sales during 1955	140 00
Interest added during 1955	373 89
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	\$12,870 81
Withdrawn for Cemetery purposes	1,000 00
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1955	\$11,870 81

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1955

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:		
General,		\$244,714.89
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1955:		
Personal Property,	\$800.10	
Real Estate,	11,254.45	
		12,054.55
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1954,	\$79.73	
Levy of 1955,	358.38	
		438.11
Special Assessments:		
Moth—Levy of 1955,		5.50
Tax Titles,		756.38
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children,	\$714.93	
Old Age Assistance,	312.90	
School,	90.00	
Cemetery,	91.00	
		1,208.83
Water:		
Rates,	\$4,251.71	
Services,	167.05	
		4,418.76
Aid to Highways:		
State,	\$5,112.13	
County,	3,500.00	
		8,612.13
Underestimate 1955:		
County Tax,		428.74
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		\$272,637.89

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Trust Fund Income:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care,		\$624.16
Recoveries:		
Old Age Assistance,		2,842.69
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Administration,	\$40.09	
Assistance,	3,673.95	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration,	176.23	
Aid,	4,377.75	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration,	2,662.50	
Assistance,	27,101.23	
		38,031.75
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch,	\$1,869.88	
School Athletics,	60.11	
		1,929.99
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General,	\$9,299.31	
Water—Fluoridation,	1,950.00	
		11,249.31
Overestimates 1955:		
State Recreation Areas		
Assessment,	\$89.87	
County Hospital Assessment,	1,206.70	
		1,296.57
Sale of Real Estate Fund,		1,225.00
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		8,766.98
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1955,		2,337.88
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise,	\$438.11	
Special Assessment,	5.50	
Tax Title,	756.38	
Departmental,	1,208.83	
Water,	4,418.76	
Aid to Highway,	8,612.13	
		15,439.71
Surplus Revenue:		
General,		188,893.85
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		\$272,637.89
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DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

Inside Debt Limit:

General,	\$208,000.00
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Outside Debt Limit:

General,	\$419,000.00
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Public Service Enterprise,	87,000.00
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506,000.00

<u>\$714,000.00</u>

Serial Loans:

Inside Debt Limit:

General:

School,	\$208,000.00
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Outside Debt Limit:

General:

School,	\$419,000.00
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Public Service Enterprise:

Water,	87,000.00
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506,000.00

<u>\$714,000.00</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In custody of Treasurer,	\$43,511.41
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<u>\$43,511.41</u>

In Custody of Treasurer:

Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund,	\$669.28
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H. Augusta Dodge Library Fund,	1,343.63
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Maxwell Norman Fund,	579.15
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Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	29,048.54
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Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund,	11,870.41
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<u>\$43,511.41</u>

TOWN OF HAMILTON

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

December 31, 1955

Date of Maturity	Water Supply Bonds 1 1/4%, Issued 7-1-39	Water Bonds, Reservoir & Wells, 1 1/4%, Issued 10-1-47	Water Bonds Laying Mains, 1 1/2%, Issued 11-1-47	Water Bonds, Pump House & Well, 1 1/4%, Issued 10-1-51	School Bonds, Addition to High & New Elementary, 1.6%, Issued 2-1-52	Total
1956	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00	3,000 00	40,000 00	58,000 00
1957	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00		40,000 00	55,000 00
1958	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00		40,000 00	55,000 00
1959		2,000 00	8,000 00		39,000 00	49,000 00
1960		2,000 00	8,000 00		39,000 00	49,000 00
1961		2,000 00	8,000 00		39,000 00	49,000 00
1962		2,000 00	8,000 00		39,000 00	48,000 00
1963					39,000 00	39,000 00
1964					39,000 00	39,000 00
1965					39,000 00	39,000 00
1966					39,000 00	39,000 00
1967					39,000 00	39,000 00
1968					39,000 00	39,000 00
1969					39,000 00	39,000 00
1970					39,000 00	39,000 00
1971					39,000 00	39,000 00
	15,000 00	14,000 00	55,000 00	3,000 00	627,000 00	714,000 00

STATEMENT OF TAX RATE, VALUATION (REAL AND
PERSONAL) AND TAX LEVY FOR THE YEARS
1920 TO 1955

Year	Tax Rate	Valuation	Tax Levy
1920	\$16.00	\$4,250,789.	\$ 67,992.62
1921	20.00	4,371,054.	87,421.08
1922	17.00	4,468,116.	75,957.98
1923	21.00	4,784,584.	100,476.43
1924	21.00	5,048,070.	106,009.36
1925	23.80	5,166,948.	122,972.14
1926	24.20	5,370,071.	129,957.01
1927	23.80	5,630,499.	134,005.09
1928	23.40	5,753,574.	134,663.62
1929	22.70	5,711,382.	129,649.54
1930	23.60	5,788,648.	136,613.32
1931	24.70	5,790,487.	143,025.54
1932	23.70	5,852,447.	138,703.59
1933	22.30	5,896,443.	131,490.68
1934	23.80	5,764,536.	137,195.96
1935	28.60	5,725,581.	163,751.62
1936	27.50	5,449,678.	149,866.14
1937	26.70	5,388,069.	143,862.20
1938	25.30	5,487,383.	138,830.79
1939	25.00	5,459,920.	136,498.13
1940	23.80	5,527,226.	131,548.11
1941	23.40	5,593,694.	130,892.44
1942	23.20	5,611,430.	130,185.20
1943	22.00	5,530,325.	121,667.15
1944	22.00	5,550,895.	122,119.69
1945	24.00	5,311,605.	127,478.52
1946	27.00	5,325,260.	143,782.12
1947	31.60	5,706,960.	180,339.95
1948	35.00	5,733,295.	202,644.66
1949	35.00	6,038,280.	212,178.14
1950	38.00	6,323,100.	240,277.80
1951	38.00	6,603,385.	250,928.43
1952	38.00	6,887,205.	261,713.79
1953	42.00	7,377,925.	309,872.85
1954	42.00	8,014,920.	336,626.64
1955	42.00	8,390,985.	352,421.37

REPORT *of an* AUDIT
of
THE ACCOUNTS
of the
TOWN *of* HAMILTON
For the Year 1955

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Departments of Corporations and Taxation

Bureau of Accounts

State House, Boston 33

JOHN DANE, JR.
*Commissioner*HERMAN B. DINE
Director of Accounts
February 1, 1956*To the Board of Selectmen*Mr. Lawrence R. Stone, Chairman
Hamilton, Massachusetts

GENTLEMEN :

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1955, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Director of Accounts.

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Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

SIR :

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1955, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked.

The town accountant's books were examined and compared with the records of the several departments. The payments as recorded in the ledger were verified by comparison with the warrants of the selectmen authorizing the disbursement of town funds and the receipts were checked with the treasurer's records.

An analysis was made of the ledger, and the appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's record of appropriations and transfers authorized by vote of the town meetings, while the transfers from the reserve fund were checked with the finance committee's records of transfers authorized.

A trial balance was drawn off proving the ledger to be in balance, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1955 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the collector's records of payments to the treasurer, with the records in the several departments in which charges originated or in which money was collected for the town, and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The recorded disbursements were compared with the warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the town accountant's books.

The cash book footings were verified, and the cash balance on January 7, 1956 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals being verified.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the reported redemptions were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, and the tax titles on hand were listed, proved, and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The records of deductions from employees' salaries for Federal taxes and for the county retirement system were examined and checked, the payments to the Director of Internal Revenue and to the county treasurer being verified.

The books and accounts in the town collector's office were examined and checked. The tax, excise, assessment, water, and cemetery accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and compared with the assessors' and departmental warrants. The collections as posted in the commitment books were compared with the cash record of collections, the abatements were compared with the assessors' and departmental records of abatements granted, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the control accounts in the accountant's ledger.

Verification of the outstanding tax, excise, assessment, water, and cemetery accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of sporting and dog licenses issued were examined, the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game being verified with the receipts on file and the payments to the town treasurer being compared with the treasurer's cash book.

The records of cash receipts of the sealer of weights and measures, of the health, school, and library departments, and of all other departments wherein money is collected for the town were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer and the cash on hand being verified.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's and town clerk's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, assessment, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investments funds.

For the cooperation extended by the several town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

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RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1955,	\$214,020.78	
Receipts,	655,117.90	\$869,138.68
Payments,	\$624,423.79	
Balance December 31, 1955,	244,714.89	\$869,138.68
Balance January 1, 1956,	\$244,714.89	
Receipts January 1 to 7, 1956,	2,274.35	\$246,989.24
Payments January 1 to 7, 1956	\$48,608.36	
Balance January 7, 1956:		
In banks:		
Beverly Trust Company,		
Beverly,	\$190,636.28	
Day Trust Company, Boston	312.77	
Merchants National Bank of		
Salem,	5,366.65	
In office, verified,	2,065.18	
	198,380.88	
		\$246,989.24

Reconciliation of Bank Accounts
January 7, 1956

	Balance per statement	Protested checks to be adjusted	Balance per check book	Outstanding checks per list
Beverly Trust Company,				
Beverly,	\$251,918.57	\$16.00	\$190,636.28	\$61,298.29
Day Trust Company,				
Boston,	978.93	....	312.77	666.16
Merchants National Bank				
of Salem,	5,407.83	....	5,366.65	41.18
	<u>\$258,305.33</u>	<u>\$16.00</u>	<u>\$196,315.70</u>	<u>\$62,005.63</u>

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Federal Taxes

Deductions 1955,	\$29,101.26
Payments to Director of Internal Revenue 1955,	\$29,101.26
Deductions January 1 to 7, 1956,	\$153.00
Balance January 7, 1956,	\$153.00

County Retirement System

Deductions 1955,	\$4,503.35
Payments to county treasurer 1955,	\$4,503.35
Deductions January 1 to 7, 1956,	\$56.17
Balance January 7, 1956,	\$56.17

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1954

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$1,143.04	
Refunds 1955,	105.00	
		\$1,248.04
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$876.34	
Abatements 1955,	371.70	
		\$1,248.04

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1954

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$8,857.26	
Refunds 1955,	197.40	
		\$9,054.66
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$8,823.66	
Abatements 1955,	205.80	
Tax titles taken 1955,	25.20	
		9,054.66

POLL TAXES—1955

Commitments per warrants,	\$2,568.00	
Refunds 1955,	6.00	
Abatements cancelled 1955,	2.00	
		\$2,576.00
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$2,202.00	
Abatements 1955,	374.00	
		\$2,576.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1955

Commitment per warrants,		\$26,392.80
Payments to treasurer,	\$25,292.40	
Abatements,	300.30	
Outstanding December 31, 1955,	800.10	
		\$26,392.80

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$800.10	
Overpayments to be refunded,	4.20	
		\$804.30
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 7, 1956,	\$4.20	
Outstanding January 7, 1956, per list,	800.10	
		\$804.30

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1955

Commitment per warrants,	\$326,028.57	
Refunds,	1,422.30	
		\$327,450.87
Payments to treasurer,	\$307,890.92	
Abatements,	8,213.10	
Added to tax titles,	92.40	
Outstanding December 31, 1955,	11,254.45	
		<u>\$327,450.87</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1956,		\$11,254.45
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 7, 1956,	\$74.86	
Outstanding January 7, 1956, per list,	11,179.59	
		<u>\$11,254.45</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1954

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$3,647.33	
Commitment per warrants,	837.10	
Refunds,	174.61	
Abatements cancelled,	7.56	
		\$4,666.60
Payments to treasurer,	\$3,334.93	
Abatements,	1,251.94	
Outstand December 31, 1955 and		
January 7, 1956, per list	79.73	
		<u>\$4,666.60</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1955

Commitment per warrants,	\$52,945.07	
Refunds,	2,154.48	
		\$55,099.55
Payments to treasurer,	\$49,585.07	
Abatements,	5,156.10	
Outstanding December 31, 1955,	358.38	
		<u>\$55,099.55</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$358.38	
Commitment January 1 to 7, 1956,		
per warrant,	4,472.32	
Overpayments to be refunded,	14.23	
		\$4,844.93
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 7, 1956,	\$96.07	
Abatements January 1 to 7, 1956,	803.63	
Outstanding January 7, 1956, per list,	3,945.23	
		<u>\$4,844.93</u>

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1954

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$8.20
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$8.20

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1955

Commitment per warrants,		900.40
Payments to treasurer,	\$894.90	
Outstanding December 31, 1955 and		
January 7, 1956, per list,	5.50	
		\$900.40

INTEREST ON TAXES, EXCISE, AND WATER SERVICES

Collections 1955:

Taxes:		
1954,	\$211.68	
1955,	50.54	
		\$262.22

Motor vehicle and trailer excise:

1954,	\$6.64	
1955,	31.70	
		38.34
Water services,		13.78

		\$314.34
Payments to treasurer 1955,		\$314.34

Collections January 1 to 7, 1956:

Taxes 1955,	\$.83	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise 1955,	.25	

		\$1.08
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 7, 1956,		\$1.08

TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1955,	\$615.98	
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Tax titles taken:

Taxes 1954,	\$25.20	
Interest and costs,	27.80	
		53.00

Added to tax titles:

Taxes 1955,	92.40	
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		\$761.38
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Tax titles redeemed,	\$5.00	
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Balance December 31, 1955 and		
January 7, 1956, per list,	756.38	

\$761.38

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Receipts 1955:

Licenses and permits issued:

Auctioneer,	\$5.00
Automobile,	10.00
Common victualler,	10.00
Junk,	10.00
Liquor,	1,425.00
Pinball machine,	60.00
Revolver,	30.00
Sale of firearms,	6.00
Second-hand articles,	4.00
Sunday,	14.00

\$1,574.00

Sale of sprayer, 125.00

Sale of street sign, 6.50

\$1,705.50

Payments to treasurer 1955,

\$1,705.50

Receipts January 1 to 7, 1956:

Licenses and permits issued:

Revolver, \$5.00

Cash on hand January 7, 1956, verified,

\$5.00

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Licenses issued 1955:

Male,	253 @ \$2.00,	\$506.00
Female,	55 @ 5.00,	275.00
Spayed female,	113 @ 2.00,	226.00
Kennel,	9 @ 10.00,	90.00
Kennel,	3 @ 25.00,	75.00
Kennel,	2 @ 50.00,	100.00

\$1,272.00

Payments to treasurer 1955,

\$1,185.00

Fees retained 1955, 435 @ \$.20,

\$87.00

\$1,272.00

Licenses issued January 1 to 7, 1956:

Male,	3 @ \$2.00,	\$6.00
Female,	1 @ 5.00,	5.00

\$11.00

Fees retained January 1 to 7, 1956,

4 @ \$.20, \$.80

Cash balance January 7, 1956,

10.20

\$11.00

TOWN CLERK

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Licenses issued 1955:

Series #1,	76 @	\$3.25,	\$247.00
2,	75 @	3.25,	243.75
3,	43 @	5.25,	225.75
4,	17 @	1.25,	21.25
4A,	13 @	2.25,	29.25
6,	1 @	7.75,	7.75
9,	1 @	7.75,	7.75
Duplicate,	4 @	.50,	2.00

\$784.50

Payments to Division of Fisheries
and Game, 1955,

\$728.00

Fees retained 1955, 226 @ \$.25,

56.50

\$784.50

Licenses issued January 1 to 7, 1956:

Series #1,	2 @	\$3.25,	\$6.50
2,	9 @	3.25,	29.25
3,	18 @	5.25,	94.50
4,	3 @	1.25,	3.75
4A,	1 @	2.25,	2.25

\$136.25

Fees retained January 1 to 7, 1956,
33 @ \$.25,

\$8.25

Cash balance January 7, 1956,

128.00

\$136.25

Reconciliation of Cash

Balances January 7, 1956, per tables:

Dog licenses,	\$10.20
Hunting and fishing licenses,	128.00

\$138.20

Cash on hand January 7, 1956, verified,

\$138.20

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cash balance January 1, 1955,
Fees,

\$25

70.65

70.90

Payments to treasurer,

\$70.70

Cash balance December 31, 1955 and
January 7, 1956,

.20

\$70.90

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Miscellaneous Receipts

Cash balance January 1, 1955,	\$85.00	
Receipts 1955:		
Licenses and permits issued:		
Bakery,	\$1.00	
Ice cream,	5.00	
Nursery,	2.00	
Sewerage disposal,	465.00	
	473.00	
Sale of garbage,	542.00	
		\$1,100.00
Payments to treasurer 1955,		\$1,100.00

MILK INSPECTOR

Cash balance January 1, 1955,	\$.50	
Permits issued:		
Dealer,	\$6.00	
Store,	7.50	
	13.50	
		\$14.00
Payments to treasurer 1955,		\$14.00

DENTAL CLINIC

Receipts 1955,	\$540.00
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$540.00

Receipts January 1 to 19, 1956,	\$48.75
Cash on hand January 19, 1956, verified,	\$48.75

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

General Relief—Accounts Receivable—State

Charges 1955,	\$128.70
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$128.70

General Relief—Accounts Receivable—Cities and Towns

Charges 1955,	\$911.40
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$911.40

Disability Assistance—Accounts Receivable—State

Charges 1955,	\$2,542.60
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$2,542.60

Aid to Dependent Children—Accounts Receivable—State

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$512.10	
Charges,	2,022.37	\$2,534.47
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,819.54	
Outstanding December 31, 1955 and January 7, 1956, per list,	714.93	\$2,534.47

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Accounts Receivable—State

Charges 1955,	\$15,857.73
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$15,857.73

Accounts Receivable—Cities and Towns

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$124.49	
Charges,	1,448.13	\$1,572.62
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,259.72	
Outstanding December 31, 1955 and January 7, 1956, per list,	312.90	\$1,572.62

Recoveries

Recoveries 1955,	\$2,842.69
Balance December 31, 1955 and January 7, 1956, in general treasury,	\$2,842.69

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$50.50	
Charges 1955,	908.50	\$959.00
Payments to treasurer 1955,		\$959.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$270.00	
Charges,	1,182.50	\$1,452.50
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,362.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1955 and January 7, 1956, per list,	90.00	\$1,452.50

Lunch Program

Receipts 1955,	\$23,311.29
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$23,311.29
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Receipts January 1 to 7, 1956,	\$454.02
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 7, 1956,	\$454.02
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Receipts January 8 to 19, 1956,	\$531.10
Payments to treasurer January 8 to 19, 1956,	\$531.10
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Athletic Program

Receipts 1955,	\$32.00
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$32.00
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Miscellaneous Receipts

Receipts 1955:	
Manual training,	\$29.40
Gymnasium rent,	30.00
	\$59.40
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$59.40
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LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Cash balance January 1, 1955,	\$31.06	
Receipts,	80.93	
		\$111.99
Payments to treasurer,	\$54.35	
Cash balance December 31, 1955,	57.64	
		\$111.99
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Cash balance January 1, 1956,	\$57.64	
Receipts January 1 to 16, 1956,	7.35	
		\$64.99
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 16, 1956,	\$57.64	
Cash on hand January 16, 1956, verified,	7.35	
		\$64.99
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WATER LIENS ADDED TO TAXES—1954

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$48.90
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$48.90
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WATER LIENS ADDED TO TAXES—1955

Commitment per warrant,	\$152.80
Payments to treasurer 1955,	\$152.80
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WATER DEPARTMENT

Rates

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$2,908.30	
Commitments,	34,071.40	
Refunds,	79.00	
		\$37,058.70
Payments to treasurer,	\$32,358.29	
Abatements,	295.90	
Water liens added to taxes 1955,	152.80	
Outstanding December 31, 1955,	4,251.71	
		<u>\$37,058.70</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$4,251.71	
Overpayments to be refunded,	17.00	
		\$4,268.71
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 7, 1956,	\$332.70	
Outstanding January 7, 1956, per list,	3,936.01	
		<u>\$4,268.71</u>

Services

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$174.00	
Commitments,	1,998.63	
Refunds,	5.00	
		\$2,177.63
Payments to treasurer,	\$2,010.58	
Outstanding December 31, 1955 and January 7, 1956, per list,	167.05	
		<u>\$2,177.63</u>

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1955,	\$159.50	
Commitments,	522.50	
Refunds,	3.00	
		\$684.50
Payments to treasurer,	\$501.00	
Abatements,	92.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1955 and January 7, 1956,	91.00	
		<u>\$684.50</u>

Miscellaneous Receipts

Receipts 1955:		
Perpetual care bequests,	\$1,125.00	
Sale of lots and graves,	140.00	
Sale of lots and graves,	25.00	
Interments,	507.00	
		\$1,797.00
Payments to treasurer 1955,		<u>\$1,797.00</u>

DR JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1955,	\$648.87	\$648.87
December 31, 1955,	\$669.28	\$669.28
January 7, 1956,	\$669.28	\$669.28

1955

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income,	\$20.41	Added to savings deposits,	\$20.41

January 1 to 7, 1956

No transactions recorded

H. AUGUSTA DODGE LIBRARY FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1955,	\$1,304.22	\$1,304.22
December 31, 1955,	\$1,343.63	\$1,343.63
January 7, 1956,	\$1,343.63	\$1,343.63

1955

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income,	\$39.41	Added to saivngs deposits,	\$39.41

January 1 to 7, 1956

No transactions recorded

MAXWELL NORMAN FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1955,	\$562.17	\$562.17
December 31, 1955,	\$579.15	\$579.15
January 7, 1956,	\$579.15	\$579.15

1955

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income,	\$16.98	Added to savings deposits,	\$16.98

January 1 to 7, 1956

No transactions recorded

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1955,	\$27,553.76	\$27,553.76
December 31, 1955,	\$29,048.54	\$29,048.54
January 7, 1956,	\$29,048.54	\$29,048.54

1955

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Withdrawn from savings deposits,	\$536.00	Added to savings deposits,	\$2,030.78
Income,	905.78	Transferred to town,	536.00
Bequests,	1,125.00		
	<u>\$2,566.78</u>		<u>\$2,566.78</u>

January 1 to 7, 1956

No transactions recorded

CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Cash in General Treasury</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1955,	\$175.00	\$12,181.92	\$12,356.92
December 31, 1955,	.....	\$11,870.81	\$11,870.81
January 7, 1956,	.....	\$11,870.81	\$11,870.81

1955

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Withdrawn from savings deposits,	\$1,000.00	Added to savings deposits,	\$688.89
Income,	373.89	Transferred to town,	1,000.00
Sale of lots and graves,	140.00		
Cash in general treasury January 1, 1955,	175.00		
	<u>\$1,688.89</u>		<u>\$1,688.89</u>

January 1 to 7, 1956

No transactions recorded

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1955

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash :		
General,		\$244,714.89
Accounts Receivable :		
Taxes :		
Levy of 1955 :		
Personal Property,	\$800.10	
Real Estate,	11,254.45	
		12,054.55
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise :		
Levy of 1954,	\$79.73	
Levy of 1955,	358.38	
		438.11
Special Assessments :		
Moth—Levy of 1955,		5.50
Tax Titles,		756.38
Departmental :		
Aid to Dependent Children,	\$714.93	
Old Age Assistance,	312.90	
School,	90.00	
Cemetery,	91.00	
		1,208.83
Water :		
Rates,	\$4,251.71	
Services,	167.05	
		4,418.76
Aid to Highways :		
State,	\$5,112.13	
County,	3,500.00	
		8,612.13
Underestimate 1955 :		
County Tax,		428.74
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		\$272,637.89

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Trust Fund Income:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care,		\$624.16
Recoveries:		
Old Age Assistance,		2,842.69
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Administration,	\$40.09	
Assistance,	3,673.95	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration,	176.23	
Aid,	4,377.75	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration,	2,662.50	
Assistance,	27,101.23	
		38,031.75
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch,	\$1,869.88	
School Athletics,	60.11	
		1,929.99
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General,	\$9,299.31	
Water—Fluoridation,	1,950.00	
		11,249.31
Overestimates 1955:		
State Recreation Areas		
Assessment,	\$89.87	
County Hospital Assessment,	1,206.70	
		1,296.57
Sale of Real Estate Fund,		1,225.00
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		8,766.98
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1955,		2,337.88
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise,	\$438.11	
Special Assessment,	5.50	
Tax Title,	756.38	
Departmental,	1,208.83	
Water,	4,418.76	
Aid to Highway,	8,612.13	
		15,439.71
Surplus Revenue:		
General,		188,893.85
		<u>\$272,637.89</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

Inside Debt Limit:

General,		\$208,000.00
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Outside Debt Limit:

General,	\$419,000.00	
Public Service Enterprise,	87,000.00	
		506,000.00

\$714,000.00

Serial Loans:

Inside Debt Limit:

General:		
School,		\$208,000.00

Outside Debt Limit:

General:		
School,	\$419,000.00	
Public Service Enterprise:		
Water,	87,000.00	

506,000.00

\$714,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In custody of Treasurer,	\$43,511.41
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\$43,511.41

In Custody of Treasurer:

Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund,	\$669.28
H. Augusta Dodge Library Fund,	1,343.63
Maxwell Norman Fund,	579.15

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	29,048.54
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Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund,	11,870.41
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\$43,511.41

REPORT

of the

HAMILTON

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1955

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REPORT OF THE HAMILTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Voters of Hamilton:

The School Committee herewith accepts the report of the Superintendent of Schools and transmits it to the town as a report of its 1955 activities.

As will be seen in the report, this has been an eventful year for our public schools, during which we have constantly strived to improve the system, and to keep pace with the always increasing size of our school enrollment and the accompanying problems of school housing, acquirement of teachers, and curriculum revisions.

Projects that the Committee hopes to pursue during the coming year include another two-room addition to the Manasseh Cutler School, a high school curriculum study, the installation of an instrumental program for the fourth grade up, and working with the School Building Needs Committee on future plans to solve our housing shortage, and renovation of the present library space in the high school to provide an extra classroom in that building.

Our 1956 budget has increased over 1955 by 16.6% which provides the wherewithal to acquire additional teachers, supplies and equipment necessary to provide for the growing system.

The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to the administration, the faculty and staff, to the townspeople and to the other officers of the town for their support and cooperation extended during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MORLEY L. PIPER, *Chairman*
GRACE B. LAMSON
ALLAN MacCURRACH

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Hamilton:

It is my pleasure to submit herewith my fourth annual report, the fifty-fourth in the series of superintendents' annual reports to the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton.

This has been an eventful year in our public schools and I would like to review our major areas of growth in the material which follows.

The Staff

In September, 1955, we welcomed several new people to our staff. At the high school Mr. Harold Herber took over a section of Grade VII. Mr. Benjamin Draper became our language teacher, and Mr. Natale Federico assumed responsibility for teaching arithmetic and physical education, and was assigned to coach varsity basketball. With the retirement in June of Mrs. Hazel Ramer, high school principal, the School Committee began the difficult task of choosing the replacement. Following a comprehensive examination of many applicants, the Committee appointed Mr. Peter Coffin, former principal of the junior high school and assistant principal of the senior high school in Billerica, to be principal of Hamilton High School.

New people at the elementary school level were Miss Nancy Chittick, kindergarten, Mrs. Harriet Watson, Grade I, Miss Edith Ross (former kindergarten teacher) and Mrs. Jean Howland, Grade II, and Mrs. Betty Foster, Grade IV.

The Hamilton Public Schools are fortunate in having the continuous services of a great majority of our able staff. Our teacher turnover is relatively small and we have been successful in securing well qualified replacements and additions to our group.

The School Committee, constantly aware of the contribution which the teacher makes to the total school effort, has done everything possible to secure and retain able people on the staff. A new salary schedule which increases minimums to state averages and sets present maximums within the ability of the Town to pay will become effective in September of 1956. Under the new schedule, the Committee proposes to recognize superior teaching and reward it accordingly. Continued professional growth of the staff is a built-in requirement of the salary schedule.

During the year the School Committee regretfully accepted Dr. Daniel Rogers' resignation as school physician. For many years our children have benefited by Dr. Rogers' professional skill and sound counsel and we are grateful to him for his many outstanding services. We welcome Dr. Robert Love to our staff as our new school physician and we look forward to the continuance of our established program under his able direction.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Gardner Burton to our staff as a part-time clerk in the high school.

We are indebted to our cafeteria and janitorial personnel for their continued fine efforts in caring for our children. Mrs. Nellie Knowlton and Mrs. Lois Piotrowski are now full-time workers at the Manasseh Cutler School. Mr. Bernard Cullen was confined to the hospital and later his

home for a considerable period and during this emergency Mr. Vernal Pollard helped out on a part-time basis at the high school.

As we all know, our total staff will continue to grow in the period ahead. Next year it is certain that four additional teachers will be needed to take care of increased enrollment. I urge the Committee and through them the townspeople to give every consideration to the necessity for attracting qualified people to the teaching profession. The present and future teacher shortage is of national concern. Hamilton can continue to hold and add good people in our town in direct proportion to its willingness to make teaching in our schools a personally and financially rewarding experience.

The Curriculum

The challenge of a dynamic curriculum is ever before our staff. The results of our study of the (preceding) year or years are implemented through changing programs at all levels. Each recommendation of the staff is appraised by the School Committee and incorporated into our procedures if real progress will probably be effected.

After further careful consideration, the entrance age to our schools will be as follows effective September, 1956: for entrance to the kindergarten in September a child must have been at least four years of age on January 1 immediately preceding his September entrance; children entering the first grade in September must have been at least five years of age on January 1 immediately preceding his September entrance.

The new age limits should result in better work and deeper satisfaction for the child as he begins his school years enough older to make him just a little more independent in his initial school adventure.

Even with the new age requirements we still admit children at a younger age than does the average school in Massachusetts. We shall continue to study the achievement of our children and we shall make additional recommendations if such seem necessary.

As is reported in the separate reports of our principals included herewith, continuing curriculum studies are being made at the subject and grade level. In the high school our cooperative efforts have been directed first toward revising our various curriculums in terms of the known needs of our youth. We are deliberately increasing the required courses in all areas of specialization in order to insure that each pupil includes certain basic subjects in his program.

It is obvious that each pupil must build his high school program on a long range basis in order to meet his known or probable objectives. To best serve him, therefore, the principal and his staff must make use of every piece of evidence and information in guiding him to wise choices. Our continually expanding testing program is providing significant data which are invaluable in our work with the individual. These same data used for classes or subject areas give us reliable bases upon which to effect major curriculum changes. We feel that our growing knowledge of our pupils and their achievements makes it imperative that each staff member become a guidance counselor; it is heartening to note that exactly this is happening in many cases.

Our efforts in grades one through six, and including the kindergarten,

have been directed to a restudy of the major skills areas. We have worked to coordinate and articulate the total skill building program from grade to grade. Objectives and guides for achievement of these goals have been developed for each grade and each teacher of a section constantly checks the progress of her class against the norm.

In view of the national publicity given during the past year to the pros and cons of instruction methods in reading, arithmetic and writing, we have re-examined our own approaches to these basic curriculum areas. We are pleased to report that our teachers have been and are continuing to use methods which combine the best of the old and the new.

Learning to read and to use language correctly in daily living is a complex task for every child. Each youngster learns in many ways under the expert guidance of his teacher. Every teacher knows that methods of instruction must be adapted to the needs of the child.—what produces real learning and progress for one, will do almost nothing for another. All pupils are taught to use every tool in their growing skill of reading. However, some may need to develop visual memory, some may need help in building auditory discrimination, some may need to build power in individual word analysis. These are only examples of techniques which the teacher must use in her work with each child.

The real test in developing skill is simple,—is the child able to read satisfactorily at his grade level and does he enjoy using his new found ability? We believe that the vast majority of our pupils can answer a resounding “yes” to these questions.

For several years we have been concerned about the lack of an instrumental music program in our public schools. During the past year the groundwork of a plan to begin instruction in this vital area has been worked out and should be in operation before the end of the current school year. Under this proposed plan any pupil who wishes may sign up for instruction on the instrument of his choice. Parents will be expected to arrange for securing an instrument either by rental with an option to purchase or by outright purchase. A qualified teacher will be in our schools one day per week at the start of the program to work with our children either individually or in small groups. The instruction will be provided as a part of our total music program at no cost to the parent. We have great hopes that from this modest beginning a worthwhile and stimulating interest in instrumental music can be built up in our public schools.

We might conclude this section on curriculum by reaffirming that our staff is constantly working to meet the challenge of the needs of our children,—our curriculum must provide for the slow learner as well as the average pupil, and never neglect the necessary stimulation of the gifted. We know that we have representatives of all three in our classes and we pledge ourselves to increasing efforts in their behalf.

The School Plant

Each opening day in September seems to be a new record setting day in terms of total enrollment. Figures for the past four years are interesting: 1952 572; 1953 679; 1954 765; and now 1955 872. In order to accommodate this number of pupils, we continued to house the kinder-

garten and sixth grade at the high school, and the sixteen sections of grades one through five in the Manasseh Cutler School.

The year 1955 was highlighted by the construction and occupancy of the new experimental two-room unit at the Cutler School. This unit, built and made available to the School Committee for trial purposes, proved eminently successful. One section each of the second and third grades moved in on opening day and they have been enjoying their new home ever since.

The School Committee and Building Needs Committee asked for a special Town meeting on December 14, 1955 which was postponed to January 4, 1956 for lack of a quorum. On January 4, 1956 the town voted to purchase the new unit as it had been recommended so highly by the School Committee.

Reports of the Building Needs Committee are included elsewhere in this Annual Town Report and the reader is referred to them for the details of the work of the Committee. By way of general summary, there is an acute and continuing need for additional classrooms in our schools. Suggestions and recommendations for providing them have been and will continue to be made.

A Building Committee is now at work and taking the necessary steps to plan with the State School Building Assistance Commission for the construction of an additional two-room unit to the Cutler School. The new unit would be similar to the one already purchased by the Town. With this addition the Cutler School will have reached its maximum size of eighteen classrooms. At a later date, and after all classroom needs are taken care of, it would be desirable to consider the possibility of adding more playroom-auditorium space to this building.

The School Committee during the year turned the unused Jonathan Lamson School building back to the town. This step was taken only after long and careful deliberation by both the School Committee and the Building Needs Committee who concurred that there could be no further constructive school use for this building. Some of the reasons leading up to this decision may be of interest and they are included herewith.

The South School (renamed the Jonathan Lamson School in 1935) was built in 1890. The building has been added to and additions have been removed from it at various times in the intervening years. It has been in its present general form since 1932 and housed grades 1-6 until 1952 when it was closed upon the transfer of its pupils to the new Manasseh Cutler School.

The Town authorized a comprehensive study of the school needs including school housing in 1949. This survey which cost \$2,000 was made by Educational Service Associates and recommended the construction of additional school space and had this to say about the Lamson School. "In view of the limitations of the plan of the building and the other deficiencies in regard to safety and inadequacies in room requirements, Educational Service Associates conclude that the Lamson School should be abandoned. On the McLeary Guide for Evaluating School Buildings, the Lamson School was given 181 points out of a possible score of 1,000 points. This means that the building is obsolete and should be replaced as soon as

feasible. It is recommended that no substantial funds be spent on this structure beyond such as are absolutely necessary to keep it in operation until adequate facilities can be provided elsewhere." The full report which goes into a detailed analysis of the total building is on file in the offices of the town clerk and the School Committee.

In March, 1954 the town authorized the appointment of a new School Building Needs Committee to again study the immediate and future needs for school facilities in the town. This Committee, early in its deliberations, decided to re-examine the closed Lamson School to see if it had any future possibilities as a part of the total school plant.

As a first step the Committee employed the services of Mr. Raymond Thibedeau, architect, and instructed him to prepare plans and specifications and determine accurate costs for the remodeling of the Lamson School. Mr. Thibedeau, who had had previous experience in planning remodeling programs for buildings including a school similar to the Lamson School, completed a comprehensive study for the Committee and presented his findings. His conservative cost estimate broken down into major categories of plumbing, heating, electrical, and general contract together with furnishings and a contingency fund totaled \$139,040.00.

If this money were spent, the Committee would secure nine classrooms and a cafeteria. Of course no state aid could be obtained whereas it could be in the case of new construction.

Even after remodeling we would still have a combustible two-story wooden frame building with attendant hazards for very young children. If it were used for older children then there were other serious educational shortcomings such as very limited outdoor play space, no gymnasium, no assembly hall or auditorium, no industrial arts or home economics provisions and no laboratories for science classes.

The Committee also recognized that nine classrooms would not meet the known need for additional space so another school was a must in the future. If this type of construction used in the new addition to the Cutler School were adapted to a whole school, the Committee saw the possibility that a new school, on which we could secure state aid of approximately 28%, would not represent a significantly larger proportioned outlay.

For all these reasons, therefore, the School Committee and the School Building Needs Committee finally concluded that the Jonathan Lamson School should not be considered again as a school building and so recommended to the town in its report in December, 1954.

The School Committee, by unanimous vote in a meeting held on October 4, 1955, conveyed the building back to the Selectmen. Official acceptance of the building by the Selectmen was acknowledged in their letter of October 18, 1955.

The Building Needs Committee has continued its investigation and has made its third report to the town in which it suggests the desirability of further study of the need for a new twelve or more room school at the elementary level. We concur in this thinking and can only urge that utmost speed be exercised in future planning so that such a building may be available as soon as possible. Our school enrollment will pass the 1,000

pupil mark either this year or next and housing for them must be provided.

This report on our school plant must take cognizance of the fine schools which we now have,—our buildings provide a delightfully pleasant environment in which to carry on the work of the schools. We are grateful for what we have and we only urge the Town to make long-range plans which will add comparable units as we expand into the future.

Miscellaneous

Our cafeteria program continues to grow in its service to our pupils. Well balanced, nourishing and attractive meals are served every school day at a moderate total cost, including milk and dessert, of twenty-five cents. In addition, all pupils may have all the extra milk they wish to drink at three cents per half pint. Our participation in the Federal Lunch Program helps to make these prices possible. Every parent is again urged to have his children take advantage of these excellent low-cost meals.

The cost of operating our public schools is increasing of course. Rising costs of services and materials coupled with growing enrollments have automatically meant increases in our budget. Every effort to keep our budget within reasonable bounds has been made. No essential services have been eliminated but no unnecessary frills have been added. The requested appropriation is always larger than our final net cost for the year because we are reimbursed from state funds. Please refer to pages 26-27 for an analysis of our 1955 and 1956 budget.

Conclusion

This has been a rewarding year for all of us in our schools. We are grateful for the growing interest in our efforts by our parents as evidenced by their fine support of our Parent-Teacher Association, their participation in all of our school activities, and their cooperation with our teachers. We have enjoyed loyal support from our staff and the student body as we have worked together to assure continued progress for all.

I am especially appreciative of the increasing efforts of each member of our School Committee in behalf of our schools. You have conscientiously devoted yourselves to developing and interpreting sound policies upon which our schools may operate effectively. I am sure that the townspeople join with me in extending our sincere thanks to each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:

It is with pleasure that I submit my first annual report as Principal of Hamilton High School. This report is based on observations made since starting on my new assignment in September of 1955.

The School Plant

The main high school building was constructed in 1931 with an addition of a gymnasium-auditorium and three classrooms in 1952. These facilities are adequate, with minor exceptions, for the present enrollment in grades 7-12 of 266 pupils.

A lack of space in the elementary grades has made it necessary for two sixth grades to be housed in the high school building and for two additional rooms to be made available to take care of the four kindergarten sections.

With an expected enrollment of 290 pupils in grades 7-12 for 1956-57 the high school building will be cramped without the use of the four classrooms mentioned above, but it is planned to divide the library-study hall in such a way as to provide two adequate classrooms and to utilize the cafeteria for study during part of the day. It appears that this can be done without any serious loss to the educational program.

Even with the return of those rooms now occupied by elementary pupils it is obvious from the size of the classes at the Cutler School that the present high school building is not going to be adequate for grades 7-12 at some point in the future. As we approach 400 pupils in grades 7-12 there will be a constricting of the high school program that will seriously affect the offering of the school.

A program of gradual rehabilitation has been undertaken in the older part of the high school building. New tile floors have been laid in one sixth grade room, and one of the commercial rooms. New movable furniture was purchased for one commercial room and the total effect is most pleasing. For 1956-57 it is planned to have another commercial room refurnished in addition to the alterations already mentioned for the library-study hall.

The Teaching Staff

As a newcomer to the position of principal of Hamilton High School, one of the most pleasing discoveries that I made was the general excellence of the staff of teachers that has been gathered together here. To this able and dedicated group have been added three new people who give every promise of raising our level of instruction even higher.

Mr. Benjamin Draper replaces Mrs. Eleanor McKey, who resigned to

accept a post nearer to her home. Mr. Draper teaches French, Latin, and World History and also supervises the Dramatic Club and the French Club.

Mr. Natale Federico replaces Mr. Donald J. Mack, who resigned to accept an administrative post. Mr. Federico teaches arithmetic and physical education and is also the varsity basketball coach.

Mr. Harold Herber has joined our staff in the junior high in a new position caused by increased enrollment. Mr. Herber teaches the seventh grade.

The Course of Study

1955-56 brought only minor changes to the course of study for the school. In grade seven a course in health was introduced and is held for one 45 minute period a week. In the high school a half-year course in the principles of salesmanship has replaced the half-year course in consumer economics. It was felt that the consumer economics course too closely paralleled the general business training course to justify its retention.

Much to the disappointment of those pupils who signed up for the driver training course last year the school was unable to acquire the use of a car. This year, however, after considerable effort on the part of Mr. Chandler, we have been given the use of a car through the kindness of Hepperle Oldsmobile of Salem. Under the guidance of Miss Millicent Boswell, Hamilton High School students may now profit from the complete driver training course which is so urgently recommended by the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The course of study is undergoing careful scrutiny and it is our policy to make this study a continuing one. Changes will be made as the needs of the school direct.

The course of study for 1956-57 will contain several new subjects and a realignment of the curriculums. In the junior high school a comprehensive social studies course will replace the separate subjects of geography and history. In the high school it is planned to enlarge upon the business practice course for commercial students, to carry out an earlier suggestion to add an ancient history course for college preparatory students, to require mechanical drawing and typing, for a half-year each, of students planning to enter scientific fields, to require a course in the fundamentals of arithmetic of all freshmen who do not take algebra, and to make a course in physiology optional with general science for freshmen.

The present course of study offers three curriculums, the college, the commercial, and the general. These curriculums are largely suggestive and a pupil is allowed considerable freedom of choice. This has resulted at times in a pupil graduating with the required number of points but with a combination of subjects which does not fit him for much of anything. It is the feeling of the faculty that most students in the eighth and ninth grades are not sufficiently mature to make the proper choices of subjects when the whole pattern of their high school years depends upon the groundwork laid during the ninth and tenth grades. Accordingly five curriculums have been set up which will have purpose for and be meaningful to the students in each one. Within most of these curriculums the electives are

limited to one or two subjects a year. The required subjects in each curriculum are such as to guarantee the purposes of the curriculum.

The curriculums to be offered in 1956-57 are:

1. The College Arts Curriculum

For the student who wishes to attend a liberal arts college or plans to enter the field of nursing.

2. The College Scientific Curriculum

For the pupil interested in engineering or some other scientific field. The significant feature of this curriculum is that four years of math and four years of science are required.

3. The Secretarial Curriculum

For the able student who wishes to prepare herself to fill one of the many important secretarial positions in business and industry. College English is required and a language is recommended.

4. The Clerical Curriculum

To provide general clerical and business training to students who plan to terminate their education either with high school or two years of business school.

5. The Civic Curriculum

Intended to provide the student with the fundamental tools necessary for living in a democratic society. Students in this curriculum plan to terminate their education with high school and have no interest in the clerical curriculum.

The Testing Program

In October 1955 the Iowa Tests of Educational Development were given to all students in grades 9-12. This was the third year in which this battery of tests was administered. The purpose of these tests is two-fold. First of all the pattern set by a class can be followed from one year to the next and from this pattern a good estimate can be made of whether or not there has been normal progress in the different areas of accomplishment covered by the tests. On the basis of this estimate, and other pertinent factors, the course of study of the school can be constantly re-evaluated. The second purpose of these tests is to provide an appraisal of the accomplishments of individuals in the areas tested. These accomplishments represent the total experiences of the individual both in and out of school. This appraisal can be used to help the student select the best program for him and to help him to concentrate on those areas needing the most improvement. The superior student is quickly identified regardless of his general high school average and the possible drop-out can be identified in time for some preventive program to be put into effect.

In February of 1955 the Otis Quick Scoring Intelligence Test was administered to all students in grades 7-12. This test had previously been administered in grade 5 to most of the students. A second testing was made to check the reliability of the first test scores and to note any growth that might have occurred. This test will continue to be given in grade seven in the future.

During the early fall the State Employment Office in Salem tests the senior class for occupational aptitude. This program was continued in 1955, and in December consultants came to the school to discuss the results in individual conferences with the students.

It is planned to increase the testing program to include the Kuder Preference Record, a test to indicate the type of activity preferred by an individual, and a test, yet to be selected, which breaks the general intelligence rating of a pupil into various factors such as verbal, number, space, and reasoning ability. These tests will be administered in grades 8 or 9 in order to make possible better guidance in the selection of the curriculum best suited to the interests and abilities of the individual.

Co-curricular Activities

The music program — At the present time the music program at Hamilton High School is crippled. Despite the sincere and untiring efforts of Miss Ruth E. Austen in the vocal department, the complete lack of an instrumental program and the very inadequate facilities for carrying on the work of the Glee Club have resulted in a minimum of activity in what should be one of the most consistently active departments of the school.

To mention one minor difficulty the only passable piano in the school is one that was loaned to the school a year or so ago. The grand piano in the auditorium is beyond repair. For assemblies it is necessary to lift the borrowed piano from the cafeteria level to the gym level, a process which is avoided as much as possible for the sake of the piano.

The club program — One period a week is set aside for an activity period. During this period the various clubs which have been organized for the year held their meetings. This past year there has been activity on the part of the Varsity Club, Glee Club, Dramatic Club, and Art Club. Also operating during the activity period were the Yearbook staff and the driver training class.

The athletic program — As in any high school, large or small, athletics play an important part in the life of the student body as a whole as well as in that of the athlete. In schools like ours there is a limit as to what sports can be played and the number of students available to play these sports. In 1954-55 the athletic activity consisted of varsity and junior high 6-man football, boys' and girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball, junior high basketball, and varsity and junior high baseball. Of these three sports basketball offers the best opportunity to involve a large number of boys and girls. There is sufficient interest in this sport among the students to make it possible to support an extensive intra-mural program in addition to the interscholastic program. The difficulty faced here is that the present facilities are not even adequate for the high school program with the result that the junior high has little opportunity to engage in basketball and the intramural program cannot even get started in the winter. It is hoped that outside backstops can be erected this coming spring so that an intra-mural program can be started then.

Conclusion

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I am able to report that in my observations of the student body this year I have seen a sincere desire to be cooperative and to work towards making Hamilton High School a happy place in which to study and to work. A person coming to Hamilton can have his faith in the youth of America strengthened, if it needs it, by spending some time with our young people. This speaks well of the boys and girls themselves and it speaks well of the homes from which they come. Though always devoted, such an atmosphere can only serve to make the staff exert their greatest efforts towards assuring that your sons and daughters get the best education that can be offered to them. May I conclude by expressing my real happiness in becoming a part of the school and civic life of the town of Hamilton. The welcome and the helping hand that have been offered by the faculty, the School Committee, and the townspeople is deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER N. COFFIN,
Principal.

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:

I herewith submit my yearly report of the Manasseh Cutler School.

School opened in September with the largest enrollment in the history of the town. Five hundred eighty-four pupils were registered in kindergarten through grade six. This was an increase of forty-four pupils over the enrollment figures of 1954. Since then twenty pupils have been transferred to other schools and forty-nine have been admitted making our present total enrollment six hundred and thirteen pupils; an increase of fifty-eight over last year's figures.

A few changes were made in our teaching staff. Mrs. Glendora Ward resigned to accompany her husband in his new work. Mrs. Janet Klem resigned for a similar reason. Mrs. Harriet Watson was appointed to fill Mrs. Ward's vacancy and Mrs. Jean Howland was appointed to teach the class of grade two vacated by Mrs. Klem. Miss Edith Ross, a former kindergarten teacher, was assigned to the additional second grade made necessary by the large number of pupils in that grade. Mrs. Betty Foster was appointed to teach the new extra fourth grade. Miss Nancy Chittick was chosen to teach the kindergarten classes formerly taught by Miss Ross.

The new wing consisting of two classrooms was opened in September and houses one second and one third grade class.

The two sixth grade classes and the two kindergarten classes are still being held in the High School. The latter is still maintaining the two platoon system.

The steadily increasing number of children creates a constant problem as to how rooms can be provided for them. At present it would seem that another third and another fifth grade will be needed for September 1956.

The Dental Clinic is following the same plan that was started last year; treating only the pupils of the first three grades. This plan was necessary because of the large number of pupils and the limited time available for this work.

The Arts play an important part in the cultural education of the child. This year we are fortunate in having the services of Miss Thomas, our music supervisor, for three days a week instead of the one day a week as in former years.

On May 7, 1955 grades one, two, and three put on a Music Festival to which all parents and friends were invited. Our all-purpose room was more than crowded with interested and enthusiastic spectators. The following week a similar affair was produced by grades four, five and six. This festival was equally successful.

During Education week we again invited parents and friends to visit our school and see the pupils at their daily work. Many came and expressed great interest in the work.

On the evening of December 22, 1955 grades five and six presented The Christmas Story in tableau and song to interested parents and friends. The pupils of grade five presented the tableaux while grade six pupils provided the music. At this time too some pupils from grade three demonstrated what they had learned on their song flutes; a new addition to their music education.

During February 1955 the Otis Quick Scoring Intelligence Tests were administered to all pupils in grades one through six. The present first grades have just been given this same test. The test results provide another measure of a child's ability and enable the teacher to better serve the individual.

With the increased number of classes in each grade we thought it necessary to work out a plan whereby we could unify the subject matter taught in every class of every grade. Our staff has studied desirable time allotments for each subject area in each grade and made recommendations for each teacher to follow. An integrated course of study for each year is now being evolved with the hope that each child will find it possible to progress from grade to grade with increasing and logical challenges to his growing understanding.

In conclusion, I would like to express to you, the School Committee, parents and teachers, my appreciation of their loyalty and support.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIAN C. JOSEPH,

Principal.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:

I am very pleased to submit this, my first report as physician for the schools of Hamilton, Massachusetts.

The opening of the school was coincidental with an epidemic of poliomyelitis which had gripped Massachusetts involving the town of Hamilton. Shortly after the opening of school one case of polio was reported by a child in the school system. On the recommendation of the School Committee the schools were closed for two weeks following this incidence. The people in the room of the afflicted member were given the opportunity of receiving Gamma Globulin inoculations which were administered by the school physician.

With much appreciation to the school nurse, Miss Florence Stobbart, the examinations of the school children have been carried out and are being carried out at the present time. The examinations are as complete as possible as the time will allow with certain deficiencies being noted and for the most part corrected. It is not the purpose of these examinations to point out the deficiencies in children as a reflection on the parent, but to afford the child a little additional medical service which will aid his completion of the school term.

Many conversations and conferences have been held with various members of the school system regarding general health, social problems and specific medical situations. In this way it is felt that better cooperation and coordination of the health program and the educational program can be conducted.

During the latter part of the last school year the first phase of the state-sponsored poliomyelitis inoculations were accomplished for all those who desired. Further efforts along this line have not been accomplished to date but will be if and when the State Department of Public Health gives the green light to complete this program.

Again, it is the responsibility of the office of the school physician to once more caution parents about the vigilance necessary in the control of contagious diseases. It is entirely within the province of the parent whether or not he should send his child to school. At the same time, children with any of the noticeable subjective symptoms of upper respiratory infections or any of the other contagious diseases should be kept at home. As is well known, the spread of contagious diseases is markedly facilitated by coughing, sneezing and the like in closed areas where people are congregated. The infected student can easily contaminate his neighbors in the school room who will in turn take the contagion to his specific family.

Recommendations have been made to the school department for additional furniture to facilitate the examination of the children and suggestions have been made regarding more space for the accomplishment of the physical examinations at the high school. This year over four hundred

examinations will be accomplished which is a formidable job in itself under ideal conditions. With the gradual increase in the enrollment in the school the time required for these examinations has increased many fold in the last four to five years. Any measures that would facilitate this very necessary procedure become more and more necessary.

In closing I want to thank all the members of the school system and the parents for their cooperation in the aid they have given the school physician.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT G. LOVE, M.D.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:

I herewith submit my twenty-sixth annual report as School Nurse for the Hamilton Public Schools.

Because of the increased number of students enrolled in our schools it is impossible to complete all the physical examinations at this time. All students taking part in competitive sports are examined. Other grades having physical examinations include grades one, three, five, seven, nine and twelve.

Result of physical examinations by Dr. Love, School Physician, to date are as follows:

<i>Defects</i>		<i>Corrections reported for year</i>	
Mod. and enlarged tonsils	45	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy	21
Mod. and enlarged glands	20	Skin under treatment	4
Lungs	4	Speech under treatment	2
Heart Murmurs	11	Orthodontia	3
Defective teeth	51	Ears	10
Skin	4	Pes Planus	7
Speech	2	Fractures	20
Posture	35	Operations	10
Orthodontia	3	Allergic conditions treated	22
Ears	10	Dog bite	3
Other defects needing medical attention	3		
Genital	3		
Allergic conditions	22		

Dental Clinic

No. of students attending dental clinic, grades 1-3	670
(This includes several visits by the same children going weekly)	
No. of students having dental work privately (high school)	232
No. of students having dental work privately (grade school)	97

Eye and Ear Examination

No. found with defective vision	46	No. with defective hearing	15
No. having glasses changed	9	No. having medical treatment ..	14
No. having eyes treated	4	No. wearing hearing aid	1
No. having eyes corrected with glasses	27		

Contagious and Communicable Diseases Reported

Chicken Pox	15	Mumps	12	Poliomyelitis	2
Whooping cough	10	Measles	53	Scarlet Fever	2
Impetigo	1	Allergic condition	22		

Polio Clinic

All parents having children in grades 1-2 were given the opportunity to have the Salk vaccine given to their children.

No. having received the first treatment 175

No. refusing treatment 28

Because of a student having Polio while attending school this year, all other children exposed in his classroom were given Gamma Globulin, with parents' consent.

No. having Gamma Globulin 24

General Work

First Aid Dressings 287 No. of home calls 68

Eye and Ear Examination

Inspection for cleanliness

Consultations with pupils, teachers, parents, supervisors, doctor, dentist, superintendent and principals.

Clerical work on health records, reports for town and state

Weighing and measuring

Helping doctor and dentist with clinics

Truant Officer

I wish to thank Dr. Robert Love for his time, interest and professional ability in caring for the health examinations and clinics in the schools.

May I also thank the entire personnel and parents for their cooperation in carrying out our health program.

Sincerely,

FLORENCE L. STOBART, R.N.,
School Nurse

APPENDICES HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	BUDGET 1955	EXPENDED 1955	BUDGET 1956
General Expense	\$12,525.00	\$12,197.10	\$12,850.00
Expense of Instruction	132,060.02	130,733.99	155,893.22
Textbooks and Supplies	8,615.00	8,504.48	9,990.00
Operation of plant	23,550.00	23,532.73	25,600.00
Maintenance of Plant	3,740.00	3,736.28	7,816.75
Auxiliary Agencies	16,752.00	15,697.84	18,826.70
Outlay	1,255.00	1,243.50	3,158.80
	<hr/> 198,497.02	<hr/> 195,645.92	<hr/> 234,135.47
Special Appropriations:			
Vocational	1,250.00	521.30	1,150.00
Maintenance of Lamson School	350.00	1.10	.....
Redesigning and Finishing			
Driveway at Cutler School	1,700.00	1,465.45	.....
	<hr/> \$201,797.02	<hr/> \$197,633.77	<hr/> \$235,285.47

LOCAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENTS 1955

TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$197,633.77
CASH RECEIPTS DURING 1955		
(Turned over to Town Treasurer)		
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
General School Fund	\$30,587.35	
Transportation	6,298.58	
Vocational	366.98	
State Wards (Tuition and trans.)	134.49	
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Fund	446.90	
From Local Reimbursements:		
Miscellaneous	59.40	
Tuition:		
Town of Essex	570.00	
Town of Wenham	357.50	
Mrs. C. W. Taintor	165.00	
Mrs. E. Nichols	90.00	
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS 1955	<hr/>	<hr/> 39,076.20
NET COST TO TOWN IN 1955		<hr/> \$158,557.57

REVOLVING FUND

Athletics

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$188.65
Receipts during 1955	32.00
Total	<hr/> \$220.65
Expenditures during 1955	160.54
Balance, December 31, 1955	<hr/> \$60.11

REVOLVING FUND

Cafeteria

Balance, January 1, 1955		\$3,239.05
Receipts during 1955:		
Sale of meals	\$16,829.34	
Federal Subsidy	6,481.95	
	<hr/>	23,311.29
Total		<hr/> \$26,550.34
Expenditures during 1955:		
Labor	6,027.50	
Food	17,690.17	
Miscellaneous	962.79	
	<hr/>	24,680.46
Cash Balance, December 31, 1955		<hr/> \$1,869.88
Accounts Receivable for 1955:		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Nov. Claim	\$902.80	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Dec. Claim	827.48	
	<hr/>	\$1,730.28
Accounts Payable for 1955:		
Food for December		\$1,674.65

SCHOOL CENSUS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1955

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Number between five and seven years of age	108	103
Number between seven and sixteen years of age	348	316
Totals	456	419
Total Census		875

Distribution of the above minors, October 1, 1955:

In the Public Day School	785
In Vocational school	2
In private school	83
In state and county institutions and special schools for defective delinquents	4
Not enrolled in any school	1
Totals (should equal corresponding totals in the above registration)	875

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1955

AGE

Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Totals
Kdg.	28	50															78
1		35	75	2													112
2			28	79	12												119
3				23	54	18											95
4					27	61	3	1									92
5						12	36	5	2								55
6							21	30	6	1							58
7								10	48	5							63
8									18	30	3	2					53
9										16	29	5	3				53
10											7	18	7				32
11												7	20	3	1		31
12													7	16	6		29
Post Graduates															1	1	2
Totals	28	85	103	104	93	91	60	46	74	52	39	32	37	19	8	1	872

HAMILTON TEACHERS' DIRECTORY, JANUARY 1, 1956

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Subject or Grades</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Yrs. Experience</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Douglas A. Chandler	High	Superintendent	1952	23	Northeastern University	B.B.A.
Peter N. Coffin	"	Principal	1955	5	Boston University Tufts College	Ed.M. B.A.
Edith M. Anderson	"	Grade 7	1929	41	Tufts College	M.A.
Wilbur Armstrong	"	Science	1944	34	Salem Normal Atlantic Union	B.R.E.-B.A.
Ruth E. Austen	"	English	1945	11	Boston University Radcliffe	M.A. A.B.
Mary Bergman	"	Business	1954	20	Boston University	M.E.
Millicent J. Boswell	"	Home Economics and Cafeteria Manager	1943	13	Salem State Teachers College Framingham State Tea. Col.	B.S.E. B.S.E.
Benjamin C. Draper	"	Languages	1955	0	Simmons College	M.S.
Natale J. Federico	"	History and Physical Education for boys	1955	11	Princeton University Rhode Island State	A.B. B.S.
Marshall Gero	"	Manual Training	1947	19	Fitchburg State Tea. Col.	B.S.E.
Harold L. Herber	"	Grade 7	1955	0	Taylor University Gordon Divinity School	B.A. B.D.
Carl J. Martini	"	Mathematics	1950	12	Holy Cross Tufts College	B.S. M.A.
Priscilla McKay	"	English	1950	9	American Inter. College	B.S.E.
Wilton J. Moyer	"	Social Studies	1949	15	Mansfield Penn. Tea. Col.	B.S.E.
John Valois	"	Grade 8	1954	1	Boston University	B.S.E.
Joan W. Woodbury	"	Business and Physical Education for Girls	1953	3	Salem State Teachers College	B.S.E.
Marian C. Joseph	Manassah	Principal	1921	35	Salem Normal	—
Ellen Dufly	Cutler	Grade 6	1927	29	Salem State Teachers College	B.S.E.
Mrs. Mildren E. Scanlon	High	Grade 6	1953	20	Salem Normal	—
Mrs. Esther Goddard	Manassah	Grade 5	1952	21	Salem Normal	—
Forrest L. Troop	Cutler	Grade 5	1953	6	Salem State Teachers College	B.S.E.
Margaret Batchelder	"	Grade 4	1920	36	Salem Normal	—
Mrs. Betty Foster	"	Grade 4	1955	7	Michigan State College	B.S.E.
Mrs. Dorothy B. Jones	"	Grade 4	1953	16	University of Vermont	B.E.
Mrs. Glory Hussey	"	Grade 3	1954	6	Salem State Teachers College	—

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Subject or Grades</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Yrs. Experience</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Mrs. Carolyn Lander	Manasseh Cutler	Grade 3	1950	18	Gorham Normal	—
Mrs. Louise Leach	"	Grade 3	1954	9	Eastern State Normal	—
Mrs. Doris Foster	"	Grade 2	1948	11	Keene Normal	—
Mrs. Ruth Harris	"	Grade 2	1949	6	Salem State Teachers College	B.S.E.
Mrs. Jean Howland	"	Grade 2	1955	6	Gordon College	B.S.E.
Edith M. Ross	"	Grade 2	1953	2	Lesley College	B.S.E.
Doris M. Blood	"	Grade 1	1953	2	Lesley College	B.S.E.
Mrs. Nena Hayes	"	Grade 1	1952	6	Oswego State Teachers College	B.S.E.
Mary E. Lucy	"	Grade 1	1948	7	Salem State Teachers college	B.S.E.
Mrs. Harriet Watson	"	Grade 1	1955	8	Perry Kindergarten Normal	—
Nancy Chittick	High	Kindergarten	1955	3	Gorham State Teachers Col.	B.S.E.
Harriet Erskine	"	Kindergarten	1946	11	Lesley Kindergarten	—
Mrs. Ruth McCann	Manasseh Cutler	Remedial Reading	1953	12	Lesley College	—
Rupert Lillie	All	Art	1953	8	University of Maryland	S.B.
					Harvard School of Design	M.L.A.
Maude L. Thomas	Manasseh Cutler	Music	1923	33	Boston University	—
Florence L. Stobbart	All	Nurse	1925	30	Beverly Hospital	R.N.

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Thursday Evening. June 9, 1955

at Eight O'clock

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL "Pomp and Circumstance" *Edward Elgar*
Hamilton High School Chorus

INVOCATION Reverend Halser DeWolf Howe

COMMENCEMENT THEME: Massachusetts—A Goodly Heritage

Pathways of the Puritans Donald Jacques Killam, Jr.

Musical Selection

America. Our Heritage Ades - Waring

Symbols of Culture Joan Allison Lowcock

Industrial Developments Raymond Arthur Whipple, Jr.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Hamilton Teachers' Club Mrs. Gordon McKey
President, Hamilton Teachers' Club

P. T. A. Scholarship

Mrs. Robert Johnson
President, Hamilton P. T. A.

Bausch and Lomb Science Medal Wilbur B. Armstrong
High School Science Department

American Legion Ray M. Sanford, Jr.
Commander, A. P. Gardner Post 194 A. L.

Musical Selection

This Is My Country Scott-Waring
Narrator-David Everett Geikie

PRESENTATION OF CLASS OF 1955

Mrs. Hazel Ramer
Principal, Hamilton High School

Morley L. Piper
Chairman, School Committee

BENEDICTION

Reverend Halsey DeWolf Howe

RECESSIONAL

GRADUATES

Robert Arthur Allen

Frank Walter Buzzell III

Carroll Joan Carnes

Donald Paul Edmondson

David Everett Geikie

Donald Jacques Killam, Jr.

Donald Arthur Lincoln

Joan Allison Lowcock

Philip Francis Maione

Richard Arnold Massary

Richard Lee Morse

John Francis Neary, Jr.

York Radcliff Semons

Peter Joseph Thimmer, Jr.

Ernest Franklin Tozier, Jr.

James Porter Trussell

Raymond Arthur Whipple, Jr.

Dennis Mathias White III

Douglas Aldrich Woodman

SCHOOL CALENDAR

(Subject to Change)

1956

January 3	Schools open
February 17	Schools close for February Recess
February 27	Schools open
March 30	Good Friday
April 13	Schools close for April Recess
April 23	Schools open
May 30	Memorial Day—no sessions
June 22	Schools close for summer

Summer Vacation

September 5	All schools open
October 5	County Teachers' Convention—no sessions
October 12	Columbus Day—no sessions
November 12	Veterans' Day—no sessions
November 21	Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving Recess
November 26	Schools open
December 20	Schools close at noon for Christmas Recess

1957

January 2	Schools open
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AGE OF ADMITTANCE

Pupils entering the kindergarten in September must have been at least four years of age on January 1st preceding entrance in September.

Pupils entering the first grade in September must have been at least five years of age on January 1st preceding entrance in September.

VACCINATION

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present a certificate from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter during the summer vacation, as certificates of vaccination or exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

As a matter of policy school will be in session whenever possible. Whenever weather conditions are questionable parents are urged to exercise their own judgment as to whether their children are sent to school or not.

Whenever it seems inadvisable to have school sessions the following procedure for no-school signals will be observed. Radio stations WHDH, WBZ, and WESX will be notified not later than 7:00 a.m. so that notification may be broadcast by them between 7:15 and 8:00 a.m. At 7:30 a.m. the no-school signal 22-22 will be sounded on the local fire alarm.

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